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The Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office made a final determination yesterday that the Department of Public Health no longer exists after the healthcare corporation law went into effect on Oct. 1.

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial also appointed yesterday former governor Juan N. Babauta as the corporation's new chief executive officer, while confirming that erstwhile DPH secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez's position is officially dissolved, along with the health agency.

Fitial and Attorney General Edward Buckingham pointed out that provisions of Public Law 16-51—the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Act of 2008—clearly spells out that the public health secretary may reserve some functions under DPH, which must be done within a specific period of time. Villagomez, however, failed to make such reservation within the prescribed period, Fitial said.

Earlier, then acting governor Eloy Inos and Villagomez separately stated that the healthcare corporation will be independent of DPH, which they said will handle

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, left, administers the oath of office to the four members of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board in the governor's conference room on Capital Hill yesterday morning. From left, Pedro Dela Cruz, Joaquin S. Torres, Roy T. Rios, and Anthony H. Aguon.

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Attorney General Edward Buckingham expressed concern yesterday that Public Auditor Michael Pai, who they said has a duty to maintain confidentiality, is silent about the unauthorized release of a confidential Office of the Public Auditor report on the attorney general.

Pai

Fitial and Buckingham said only the governor has the legal authority to release the confidential report, and whoever leaked the report broke the law.

"The governor has not released this report. Releasing this report is unlawful. I would expect that Mr. Pai, as the person who has legal re-

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'Occupy USCIS' starts campaign to seek parole for all legal workers

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What was hatched as a peaceful vigil in front of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Garapan was renamed yesterday noon as "Occupy USCIS," inspired by the "Occupy Wall Street" movement in the U.S. mainland and other countries.

Rabby Syed, president of United Workers Movement-NMI, said that Occupy USCIS seeks to ask USCIS to grant parole-in-place to "all legal alien workers" until Congress initiates legislation to grant these individuals improved immigration status.

USCIS is one of the component agencies of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

While only up to two dozens showed up yesterday afternoon, the crowd grew to some 60 around 8pm. Syed believes

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Today marks 5th month of sisters' disappearance

» Grandfather says they're already very frustrated with DPS

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Today marks the fifth month since sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk mysteriously disappeared in As Teo. The children's grandfather, Elbert Quitugua, said that they're already very frustrated with the Department of Public Safety.

Quitugua told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that since DPS closed down the Command Center in Kagman a few months ago, they haven't heard from the department for any updates in the investigation.

"We haven't heard from them. Nothing at all," Quitugua said.

He said the family will hear separate Masses today, Tuesday, in San Antonio and Kagman at 6pm.

Ten-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina were reportedly last seen near a bus stop pavilion in As Teo on May 25.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 17, FBI special agent Tom Simon told *Saipan Tribune* that the FBI's investigation into the Luhks' disappearance is ongoing. "The FBI continues to encourage the public to come forward with information that may move us closer to a solution," Simon said.

A day after Simon gave the statement, DPS Commissioner Ramon C. Mafnas issued a separate statement that DPS and the FBI continue to seek the public's help for crucial information relating to the disappearance of the Luhk sisters.

In an email, Mafnas said that DPS and the FBI share the Luhk family's deep desire to bring this matter to a closure. "We humbly ask for the community's patience and cooperation," he added.

In August, FBI special agents reportedly seized for evidence gathering the car of a firefighter who refused to undergo a lie detector test in connection with the investigation into the disappearance of the Luhk sisters. Sources said the former DPS firefighter sold his 2003 Toyota Camry before leaving Saipan on Aug. 6.

Federal agents, sources disclosed, immediately seized the car from the new owner but then subsequently returned it.

Sources said yesterday that the firefighter is now reunited with his wife and children in Washington. The wife is related to the Luhk sisters, the sources added.

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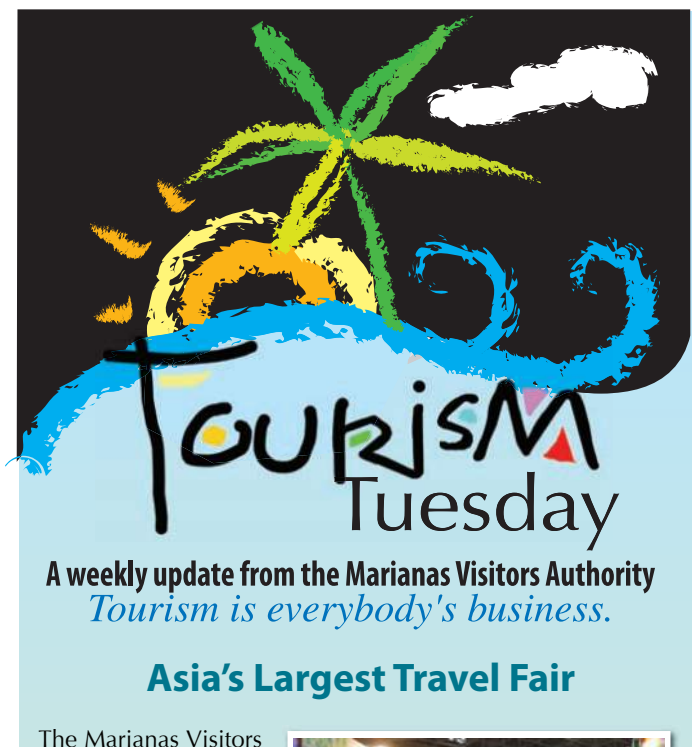

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Asia's Largest Travel Fair

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) recently reached out to over 117,000 travel trade representatives, media representatives, and potential visitors at Japan's largest annual travel show, the Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) World Travel Fair 2011.

Japan is the Northern Mariana Islands' largest tourism market, and JATA is the country's national organization of travel agents and suppliers promoting the travel and tourism industry. The fair, also the largest travel fair in Asia, was held Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011, at the Tokyo Big Sight East Hall and is the largest travel fair in Asia. In addition to distributing destination information and answering questions at the Northern Marianas booth, the MVA livened up their presentation with demonstrations of Carolinian bead and mwar (floral head lei) making, the art form of banana painting, crafting with coconut fronds, and a magic show by SandCastle Saipan. A destination trivia game with Saipan-da proved to be widely popular, with winners walking away with Saipan-da backpacks.

The fair featured 986 exhibition booths with companies and organizations from 144 countries and regions participating. Private partners also participating with the MVA were Japan Saipan Travel Association, Saipan World Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa and Saipan Grand Hotel.

The MVA also gained recognition on the JATA website for having one of 12 selected photos, featuring the crafts made at the MVA booth.

In addition to the JATA World Travel Fair, MVA, Delta Air Lines, and United Airlines collaborated on a Marianas Seminar and Workshop for approximately 100 travel agents and media representatives to provide details about attractions in this resort destination. The bi-annual meeting of the Japan-Marianas Tourism Club was also held, where the MVA met with key tourism partners and briefed them about on-going and upcoming plans and projections related to the Northern Marianas tourism industry.

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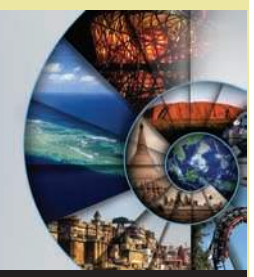

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San Nicolas is OES Teacher of the Year; 2 others honored

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Outstanding employees of the Oleai Elementary School pose with their school administrator during a visit yesterday at their campus. From left are Teacher Aide of the Year Randy Pagapular, Support Staff of the Year Charlene Valle, Teacher of the Year Melisha B. San Nicolas, and Oleai principal Glenn Muña.

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Melisha B. San Nicolas has been named Oleai Elementary School's Teacher of the Year for school year 2011-2012.

San Nicolas, a first-time awardee, has been with the school for eight years now. She joined the Turtles family in 2003, first as a classroom teacher for five years before moving to the special education program's deaf and hard of hearing program.

San Nicolas shared that teaching has always been her dream. In fact, when she was in high school, she participated in the teachers' academy and also tutored students in the elementary grade.

"I come from a big family and being the second eldest, I always had younger siblings that I helped to take care of. Even when we were little, we always played school," she said, adding that education plays a big role in their family, with three other sisters who are also public school teachers.

Every day, San Nicolas handles seven children with hearing and vision challenges. Despite the many challenges, she said that moments spent with them are truly rewarding. "Just being able to communicate with my students and having them communicate back to me is a challenge…but also a success once we reach a level of understanding. …Each kid learns in their own special way and all those little steps may not be as big as we expect them, but if you keep on working on it, little by little, they will reach their goal."

To boost her skills and make her more effective, San Nicolas reads books, watches related DVDs, and secures training.

Saipan Tribune learned that San Nicolas was instrumental in bringing in off-island experts to her school to better serve students with special needs. Two summers ago, she also coordinated a special event that brought in parents, experts, and PSS personnel to better understand the American Sign Language.

The Teacher of the Year winner credits her colleagues for their support. "It feels good… and it's nice to be recognized for all the hard work that you do. I know a lot of things that I do are a team effort, so I am happy for Oleai Elementary School because it has a lot of great teachers that I learned from and which helped me to become a good teacher."

San Nicolas, along with other Teacher of the Year awardees in other public schools, will vie for the overall title next month. If selected, she will represent the CNMI in the national competition and will get the chance to personally meet U.S. President Barrack Obama.

Randy Pagapular, who is assigned to the school's special education program, is OES' Teacher Aide of the Year. This is his fourth year at PSS and the first time he was selected for the honor.

For Pagapular, just seeing the progress of students with special needs is the true reward for all his hard work. Pagapular remembers the story of his former second grade student who, after some years, came back with the knowledge and skills he helped instill.

"When I saw her writing, understanding the alphabet, knowing the meaning of letters, colors, and shapes…that made me feel proud because I know for a fact that I played a part in her life. A teacher can do so many wonderful things with the life of their students," he said.

For Pagapular, the greatest lesson he has learned from special children is patience.

This year's Support Staff of the Year award is Charlene Valle, the school's librarian aide, who has been with OES for two years now.

She shared with *Saipan Tribune* that it was her mother who motivated her to pursue the profession. Valle is a daughter of a longtime school librarian, who continues to provide her guidance and assistance.

"Like my mother, I also enjoy dealing with children. Just helping them find books and other reading materials every day is truly fulfilling. I feel satisfaction every time I help them out," she said. Valle is also the sister of the school's Teacher Aide of the Year awardee, Pagapular.

Oleai principal Glenn Muña described this year's awardees as truly deserving individuals. He commended the three for serving OES throughout the years and for their valuable contribution to student learning. OES is home to 23 teachers and 557 students.

Muña said that PSS celebrates Education Month every November by honoring people working behind the scenes. "We don't praise them on a daily basis and it is proper that we recognize them for their hard work and sacrifices because they're doing it for the love of students. They've been giving us 110 percent of their service," he added.

Trial begins in fake documents case

A federal jury trial will begin today for a Chinese national who allegedly tried to check in for a flight to Los Angeles, California, via Narita, Japan, using fake documents.

The 38-year-old Li is indicted for immigration fraud and false statement or entry. Court-appointed counsel Mark Scoggins will be defending him.

Assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum is prosecuting the case.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona will preside over the trial that is expected to start with jury selection at 9am.

According to the indictment, Li used a forged U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service Form I-512 on July 15, 2011, as evidence of authorized stay or employment in the U.S.

The document was accompanied by an authorization for extension of parole of alien in the U.S. dated July 11, 2011. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed and nonresident workers gather near the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Garapan yesterday afternoon, asking USCIS to grant parole in place for all legal aliens until U.S. Congress acts on legislation to grant improved immigration status to foreign workers.

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more nonresidents and their supporters will be joining as days go by leading to Nov. 27.

After Nov. 27, jobless nonresidents lose their status and could face deportation.

Syed reiterated that there's a short period between the Sept. 7 release of the final worker regulations and Nov. 27, when nonresidents are supposed to have a legal employer that will petition them for a transitional worker permit.

He said the economy is making it difficult for aliens to find jobs in such a short span of time, so they should be given parole-in-place.

"Please grant us parole-in-place," reads some of the banners that Occupy USCIS participants were holding yesterday. They stood near the USCIS office, under the trees. When the rain started pouring, they sought refuge under a makeshift tent. Organizers are seeking donations of food and water, as they plan to turn it into a 24-hour vigil.

Syed added that legal aliens in the CNMI should be treated differently from illegal immigrants in the U.S.

"Like I said several times, nonresident came here legally, they pay taxes, they have Social Security numbers. We deserve to be entertained under a different mechanism. They need to find out some way to [address our issues]," he said during the first day of Occupy USCIS yesterday.

Estelita Macale, 54, was one of those near the USCIS office yesterday.

"I'm here because I support the request for parole-in-place for all," Macale said.

She said she's been on Saipan for 15 years, and lost her job in 2009. She said she couldn't leave her 13-year-old U.S. citizen son on Saipan so she is trying to make ends meet by working part-time. She said she's trying hard to find a full-time job, and she wants parole-in-place so she could still have legal status after Nov. 27 if she can't find an employer by then.

"My son said if I go home to the Philippines he would just kill himself. I fear that," she said, adding that she's also been preparing the requirements to file an application for parole-in-place for humanitarian reason.

Dario Costales, 57, said while he has an employer who will file a CW petition for him, he's showing his support to fellow foreign workers here. He came to Saipan in1985 to work as a heavy equipment mechanic. He now works as a scuba diver.

Larry Pamfilo, 61, said that, while he's still currently employed as a maintenance worker for a private residence, his employer told him that his contract will no longer be renewed after 17 years.

"So now, if I find a new employer, that would be good. I would love to remain here, and I would love to be given a chance to stay here," said the father of four who was able to send all his four children to college in the Philippines while working on Saipan. He said all his children now have college degrees.

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preventive programs, most of which are federally funded.

Fitial gave a differing view on the matter yesterday.

"Does the law say that? I read the law. I understand the law and there was no confusion about what the law says. It is clear that the secretary of public health may reserve some functions of the public health to the government within the specific period of time and there is a process. He had 365 days to recommend to the governor and the presiding officers of the Legislature the functions of the department that he would like to be reserved for DPH… and he never did, so maybe he doesn't want to reserve [anything]," Fitial told *Saipan Tribune*.

Buckingham also issued yesterday a legal opinion, stating that, except for the off-island medical referral program, everything under DPH will be absorbed by the corporation.

Fitial also swore in yesterday the members of the corporation board, which selected Joaquin Torres as its chair. By acclamation, the board recommended former governor Babauta as the organization's chief executive officer, which was immediately approved by the governor.

Babauta's employment contract and salary will be determined later by the board, according to Fitial.

When asked about his plans for Villagomez, now that he is officially out as DPH chief, Fitial said it is up to the corporation if it will hire him for any position. "That's up to the corporation because it now controls the healthcare system," he said.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact Villagomez yesterday.

Clarification

Babauta told *Saipan Tribune* that he is glad about the clarification made by the AG on the healthcare corporation law. "I'm glad that the [AG] was able to clear that up because it is causing unnecessary confusion within the department," he said.

This early, he said he needs to first focus on organizing the board and the corporation and come up with a complete assessment of the existing situation and the financial standing of the organization before it can move forward.

He pointed out that one of the immediate goals of P.L. 16-51 is the development of a five-year strategic plan for the healthcare corporation. He described this as a business plan and a roadmap that will guide the corporation in the next five years.

The healthcare corporation has been allocated a $5-million seed money for its operation this fiscal year.

Babauta said the amount is "obviously not enough" to cover all expenses. He said there's a need to make the entire healthcare system automated so it can generate billings more efficiently and effectively.

One way to survive with only $5 million is to increase the hospital's collections and develop new ways to generate more funds.

"I know we're going to deal with small issues everywhere…but we cannot take our eyes from the bigger goals and that is why we need to have strategic plans," added Babauta.

Prosecutor says no legal docs lost in burglary

Assistant attorney general Eileen Escudero Wisor, a victim of burglary on Saturday near the Civic Center in Susupe, believes that she was being watched.

Wisor told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the suspect or suspects took her purse containing a wallet, planner, checkbook, cash, credit cards, four zip drives of personal material, camera, phone, and backpack with clothes and personal items.

"It is not true that legal documents were on me. I was misquoted in the *Variety*," said Wisor in an email.

The prosecutor said she was swimming the tanks at about 10am. When she returned to the shore, her things were gone.

"I absolutely could have been more careful. It is most likely that I was being watched. I'm lucky my car windows weren't broken and/or I have to find a replacement key to my car," said Wisor.

Wisor had just joined the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division a few months ago.

She said she was robbed a few times before.

"It's an awful feeling—no one deserves this. I've been a zealous advocate for victims in my job thus far and will continue to do so to the best of my capability," Wisor said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

ERRATUM

Yesterday's story title, "USCIS: No plan to establish detention center in CNMI," should have read "ICE: No plan to establish detention center in CNMI." Our apologies.

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sponsibility to prepare a report and collect it, would be concerned. I am, and I assume the governor is concerned by his silence, in not expressing concern about the unauthorized release of this report," Buckingham told *Saipan Tribune*.

At the same time, House Judiciary and Government Operations Committee chair Rep. Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) wrote a letter yesterday afternoon to the public auditor, asking him to verify the authenticity of the OPA report that was leaked.

Demapan, in a phone interview, said he would also like to know whether OPA can officially release a copy of the report to the Legislature.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), also a JGO Committee member, said he agrees with Demapan's letter to verify the OPA report.

The leaked December 2010 OPA investigation report, which Fitial has not released, concluded that Buckingham's actions "violated criminal prohibitions" of both the Commonwealth Ethics Code Act and the Commonwealth Election Act when he hosted a campaign party for then delegate candidate Joseph N. Camacho at the governor's house in Gualo Rai on Aug. 28, 2010.

Buckingham said "in terms of the substance of the report, it's not appropriate to comment, and it's not appropriate even to confirm or disconfirm that what was released is accurate."

"It is legally privileged, it is legally confidential, and it is not a subject for public discussion," the attorney general said.

Fitial referred questions about the leaked OPA report to the attorney general, seated beside him after the governor administered the oath of office for the four Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board members on Capital Hill yesterday morning.

"Under the law, the public auditor has power to investigate and the auditor has the duty to maintain confidentiality. The governor didn't authorize release of this information. So was it in possession of the governor or auditor? I haven't heard Mr. Pai express concern about the release of this information improperly. Why don't you ask Mr. Pai what he's doing?" Buckingham said.

Pai has been off island because of an emergency in the family. He has yet to respond to requests for comments since last week.

Fitial said it was only yesterday that he became aware of the unauthorized release of the OPA report because he was in China when it happened last week. That's why he said he was meeting with Buckingham yesterday.

"I was not aware of it until now because I was in China when somebody allowed [Harry] Houdini to go inside the AG's Office to get the OPA report," he said.

Fitial said there was an agreement that that OPA report will not be disclosed.

In several interviews since last year, Fitial said he didn't necessarily agree with the OPA report and findings.

When asked whether it would be more important to discuss how the OPA report was leaked rather than the findings of the OPA report, Buckingham said: "I'm saying when something is legally confidential, it is not appropriate for public comment."

The attorney general cited as an example obtaining a report on a rape victim.

"And it's not legally permissible to disclose the information. As the press, you still have the duty to keep the confidentiality of the rape victim. Same thing is true here. This is legally confidential, it should not be disclosed, it should not be discussed," he said.

Fitial questioned why he's being asked to comment on something released illegally to the public.

The governor, when asked what the administration intends to do now that the report has been leaked, said, "You should ask the person who leaked that information to you."

Buckingham reiterated that the anonymous person who leaked the report doesn't have the legal authority to release information.

"Mr. Pai has a duty to maintain confidentiality. Again, ask Mr. Pai what his comment is on the unauthorized release apparently of information that is legally confidential," he added.

A copy of the 14-page OPA report and a two-page accompanying letter was leaked to the media and some members of the general public late Tuesday night last week. The report was from an anonymous individual who used the email address spnwikileaks@hushmail.com to leak the report.

The Fitial administration, OPA, and the Office of the Attorney General have not released the Dec. 13, 2010, report to the public, citing statutory restrictions.

CNMI Labor to host its own job fair on Nov. 2

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Following the success of the CNMI U.S. Eligible Workers Job Expo last Friday, the CNMI Department of Labor will sponsor its own job fair next Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 9am to 3pm, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

Employment Services Division director Alfred Pangelinan said yesterday that next week's job fair—a partnership between the CNMI Department of Labor and business sector employers—is for "all CNMI and U.S. permanent residents and all others" who are looking for jobs.

"We had this plan even prior to the job expo of the Department of Commerce," Pangelinan told *Saipan Tribune*. "We're just putting together the final plan [so] more people [will] come in and apply for available jobs."

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Pangelinan disclosed that 21 employers have already confirmed their participation in the job fair. The CNMI Department of Labor, he said, is still working on getting more businesses to participate.

While most of these employers are those that have announced their vacancies through their website, www.marianaslabor.net, Pangelinan noted that they were also able to get the participation of other employers.

Available positions, Pangelinan said, are based largely on the job vacancies posted at the website, including positions in administrative, sales, and maintenance and repair industries.

"This job fair covers both employers that have announced vacancies in their companies and those that have not posted any vacancies but are 'serious enough' to hire qualified U.S. workers," added Pangelinan.

He said the job fair will also offer networking benefits for employers and job applicants alike. "It situates all employers and employees together and giving them right there what they need to do and what they can do to employ and be employed."

Pangelinan noted, however, that they understand the need for these companies to assess the applicants' job skills and attitude. "What the employer decides, we're going to respect it as long as we're not contributing to any law violation."

He advised all job applicants to bring their resumes and to "look good, be presentable, and know what kind of job you want."

"They have to remember that first impression is usually the last impression," he said. "In order to make a good impression [on] your prospective employer, you need to be presentable and show what they can do and that they can be trusted for the job."

Pangelinan urged employers to bring extra application forms and to provide applicants with a requirement checklist.

He hopes to have a similar, if not higher, turnout as last Friday's job expo.

After the job fair, Pangelinan said the CNMI Department of Labor will follow up on participating employers and job seekers if they are hired. "Hopefully, we will hold this on a regular basis," he added.

Interested employers who have yet to sign up for the job fair or job applicants who have inquiries about the event may call 664-3190 and ask for Radbert Solomon, Dolores Saures, or Roy Tarope.

Rep. Palacios: I was not arrested; I don't sell 'ice'

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Rep. Raymond D. Palacios (Cov-Saipan) said that he was not arrested and is not selling "ice," amid information to the contrary that circulated in the community yesterday afternoon.

Palacios denied reports that he was arrested by the FBI or any other authorities yesterday.

"I don't sell. I never had in my possession ice to sell to anyone," he told *Saipan Tribune* in a phone interview. "The information spreading around is false, untrue."

Palacios said he was at home yesterday morning, and was at the Legislature in the afternoon. He said he had not been to the U.S. District Court or the Superior Court.

His colleagues at the House of Representatives, as well as others who were at the Legislature yesterday, said they were surprised to hear the news that he was arrested for selling the drug "ice" when he was at the Legislature the whole afternoon.

"He was in front of us, we were in a meeting," one of the lawmakers said.

Palacios, chairman of the House Committee on Education, said he was bombarded by questions from his fellow lawmakers, his constituents, and other members of the public after a breaking news about his arrest was posted online by another newspaper. That item was later removed from the online edition.

No information about Palacios's arrest was obtained from the U.S. Attorney's Office as of press time. When asked whether there's sealed indictment, Palacios said there's none. ***(With reports from Ferdie dela Torre)***

Fitial: Removal of THC director valid

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Despite the dissolution of the Department of Public Health, the removal of Ray Dela Cruz as Tinian Health Center resident director effective Oct. 1, 2011, is still valid, according to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

The governor said this is so because erstwhile DPH secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez's action was pursuant to the will of the healthcare corporation and not on behalf of the public health department.

Dela Cruz, whose contract was supposed to expire in April next year, was replaced by his chief of staff Freddy Hofschneider, who was named acting resident director for THC for 30 days.

Fitial yesterday acknowledged that the memorandum that removed Dela Cruz from the post was issued by Villagomez for and on behalf of the corporation. The DPH, he emphasized, served in the interim effective Oct. 1 and that Hofschneider's temporary appointment was made also on behalf of the corporation.

"The corporation has the authority to appoint somebody in an acting [capacity] in lieu of the resident director," Fitial said yesterday after the swearing in the new members of the corporation board and its chief executive officer.

Attorney General Edward Buckingham also affirmed that Villagomez, as then DPH chief, was delegated the authority as the corporation's "custodian."

Dela Cruz did not answer his cell phone yesterday when contacted for comments.

Newly installed CEO Juan Babauta refused to comment on Dela Cruz's removal, saying he still needs to assess and issue a report on THC.

Compared to the traditional appointment of resident directors when the centers were still under the municipality, Babauta said that all positions will go through new procedures of announcing the position and receiving applications.

"The law is very specific on the requirements for resident directors. They have to have a bachelor degree and a certain number of years of experience and if they qualify, they can be considered for the position," he said.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. took over the operations of DPH on Oct. 1. It assumed all functions and duties of DPH, including the Commonwealth Health Center, Rota and Tinian health centers, Women's Clinic, Children's Clinic, Community Guidance Center, interisland medical referral services, and other clinics.

Inos: Aging Office has to live within its means

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the Office on Aging has to make its own adjustments so it could meet its objectives within the austerity measures implemented throughout the local government for fiscal year 2012.

This is in reaction to a request by the Office on Aging to be exempted from the directive issued by Gov. Benigno R. Fitial to continue to observe the 16-hour work cut per pay period this fiscal year.

"To the best of my knowledge, we have essentially agreed on how we move forward with this thing. They're going to make adjustments with the schedule and that's how we're going to proceed," Inos said Saturday after the Katori Jingu ceremony at the Sugar King Park.

Office on Aging director Rose Mondala earlier said that they should be exempted from the Friday closure of government agencies since their operation is mostly funded by federal grants.

Inos maintained that "it's not really a matter of them not being included because they receive federal funds."

According to Inos, there are "collateral issues" involved even though Office on Aging and all other government agencies receive federal funding for their operations and programs, including matching local funds and other non-financial issues like "morale issues."

"We just look at the objective of the program and if that objective can be met within the austerity guidelines, we want to make sure that we comply with the austerity directive without jeopardizing the program," he explained.

While the approved CNMI Four-Year State Plan on Aging provides for the ideal 80-hour workweek for the Office on Aging, Inos said the administration is "willing to sit down and look at it and make the appropriate adjustments" should the funding federal agency requests for changes in the state plan.

"We try to apply a consistent policy all throughout this government," added Inos.

Last week, Mondala already announced to the congregates at the Aging Center that they will comply with the austerity directive.

Aside from being closed on Fridays, the Aging Center will no longer provide breakfast to congregate and homebound *man'amko* since employees under the Senior Community Employment Services will work starting 8:30am instead of 7:30am.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,	)	Civil Action No. 10-0253-CV
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	
JESUS S. CEPEDA and YUFENG J. CEPEDA,	)	**NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**
Defendants.	)	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 8th day of March, 2011, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **28th day of October, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Marianas Public Land Trust Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 1674 NEW-6-R1, (formerly part of Lot 1674 NEW-6, which was part of original Lot 1674, TD 351), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2043/91, the original of which was recorded on December 31, 1990, as Document No. 90-5133 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) To reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to MPLT.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and MPLT reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 19th day of September, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

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MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,	)	Civil Action No. 09-0407-CV
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	
KYLE E.M. ULECHONG and JENNIFER N.W. ULECHONG,	)	**NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**
Defendants.	)	

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Lot No. 011 G 1414, located in Kagman III, Saipan, containing an area of 752 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 25, the original of which was recorded on October 10, 1996, as Document No. 96-2568 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

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DATED this 19th day of September, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

CPA demanding lease payment for CUC facilities inside ports property

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority wants to collect over $400,000 in lease payments from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for CUC facilities located inside ports authority property.

In its petition to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC officials disclosed that the ports authority is demanding lease payments totaling $464,564.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren told the commission that they were notified on June 3, 2011, that CPA will begin charging CUC lease payments for its wells and other facilities inside CPA lands.

Warren said that CUC is now reviewing this but, based on information and evidence it has uncovered, no such liability exists for CUC.

"CUC hopes that its interpretation will prevail, yet we recognize that there remains a possibility that CUC will be required to make some form of payment. Because CUC's reserves are so low, I believe that it is prudent for CUC to plan for the worst and hope for the best," said Warren, emphasizing that preparation should not be interpreted as an admission that CUC owes these payments.

Warren has suggested that CUC set aside the $464,564 and inform the commission about the matter. "It is merely a recognition that one does not always win, even if the facts are on his or her side, and must therefore plan accordingly," he added.

CUC deputy executive director Alan Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that there are 58 wells and facilities that may be affected. Like Fletcher, he hopes that CUC's interpretation will prevail so that the financially challenged agency won't have to make the payment.

The potential lease payment to CPA was reported to the commission as an update to CUC's interim financial plan, which was modified due to some items such as the surging oil prices that impact power, water, and wastewater rates.

Early this month, CUC filed a rate hike petition for water and wastewater, which the commission is expected to address in its business meeting in January 2012.

Another item reported in the interim financial plan is the increased employer contribution rate from 37 percent to 60 percent effective Oct. 1, 2011.

"I recalculated our budgeted retirement costs based on this new information [60 percent], and determined that the water retirement costs must be increased by $292,195 and the wastewater retirement cost must be increased by $53,298," said Warren in his testimony to PUC.

8th Annual Sengebau Competition tonight

The 2011 Valentine N. Sengebau Competition will be held at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theatre today, Oct. 25, 2011, at 6pm.

Admission is free and open to the public. Cash prizes totaling $1,000 will be awarded to the top six poets.

This annual event was established by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council to support the work of young poets on the islands and to honor the legacy of Micronesia's foremost poet, the late Valentine N. Sengebau.

In the junior division, students will be reciting poetry from Microchild, an anthology of Sengebau's poetry and a publication of the Council's Micronesian Authors Initiative. There will be 13 performances representing seven private and public schools.

In the senior division, students will be reciting original poetry with themes related to culture, change, and/or identity in the Northern Marianas. Fifteen poets from nine high schools across the CNMI will vie for this year's top awards.

In the past, the annual competition has taken place during various times of the year, but beginning in 2011 it will be held every October as part of CNMI Humanities Month.

For more information about this event, contact the council office at 235-4785 or visit www.nmihumanities.org. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO APPOINT GENERAL GUARDIANSHIP FOR: **ANGELINA LEE YANCY** Minor Child, by JINGMIN ZHU INDALECIO Petitioner	)	FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 11 - 0484 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above – entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 17, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. in Courtroom 202A, before Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2011.

Bernadita Sablan
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff, -v- **THERESE LIZAMA SALAS,** Defendant.	]	**CIVIL CTION NO. 11-0033** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 14, 2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot No. 011 G 459, situated in Kagman III, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 800 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 011 G 09 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-4176, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 18 day of October, 2011:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

TO: ALFONSINA M. ARJU and ARJU ARJU

You are in default in your Note dated February 3, 2006, secured by a Mortgage of the same date, executed and delivered by you to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

(a) Description of the real property covered by Mortgage:

Lot No. 045 A 031, situated in As Matuis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 1,123 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 045 A 003 dated July 12, 1989 Commonwealth Recorder's File No. 93-1038, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

(b)	Date and amount of Note and Mortgage: February 3, 2006; $42,500.00	
(c)	Amount due for principal:	$ 2,389.67 as of January 1, 2011
(d)	Amount due for interest:	$ 8,821.97 as of January 1, 2011
(e)	Daily accruing interest:	$ 7.07
(f)	Late charges	$ 0

If the principal, interest, and late charges $11,211.64 as of January 1, 2011, plus accruing interest, together with reasonable attorney's fees, are not paid within thirty (30) days form the date of service of this notice upon you, Court proceedings will be commenced against you to foreclose upon the said Mortgage because of the default.

Unless you , within thirty (30) days after receipt of this letter dispute the validity of the claim, or any portion thereof, we will assume that it is valid. If you notify us in writing within this thirty (30) day period that the claim, or any portion thereof, is disputed, we will obtain information on the debt and mail you a copy thereof. Upon your written request within this thirty (30)-day period, we will provide you with the name and address of the original creditor, if different from the creditor indicated above.

This letter is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Ti un komple I kontratan debimu (Note) ni un fitma gi Febreru 3, 2006, no afabobot I Northern Marianas Housing Coproration ma asegurao I tano yan guma ni un emena gi mismo dia, un fitma yan un entrega I emena (mortgage) guato gi Northern Marianas Housing Corporation.

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(c)	Kantidu un debi para principat:	$ 2,389.67 asta ki Eneru 1, 2011
(d)	Kantidu un debi para interes:	$ 8,821.97 asta lo Emeri 1, 2011
(e)	Interes kada dia:	$ 7.07
(f)	Apas pot atrasao (late charges):	$ 0

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Este na katta para u ma na'kesina ma rikohi I dibi-mu. Meseha hafa na infotmasion ni in resibe pot este na apudera – sina bai in usa para in ke-chagi mu rekohi para este I dibi-mu.

Su Seguro Servidor,

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, ESQ.
Attorney at Law

Jobless US citizen workers pin their hopes on job fair

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Millie Olopai of Oleai village has been trying to get a government job for four years now, to no avail, so she is taking her chances with the private sector with the help of her medical background.

As the breadwinner of his family, Kagman resident Jordan Ongklungel wants to provide his wife and son a good life by securing himself a job as a repair and maintenance or hotel staffer.

Through the skills she acquires from attending the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, Lucia Lisua hopes to get a job in any of the hotels on island.

Olopai, Ongklungel, and Lisua were among the nearly 1,000 job applicants that flocked to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last Friday for the CNMI U.S. Eligible Workers Job Expo.

The job expo, held from 8:30am to 2pm, was organized by the CNMI Department of Commerce in collaboration with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the Governor's Office, Legislature, jobs.marianas.us website, KKMP radio station and Sorensen Pacific, and Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov.-Saipan) and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov.-Saipan).

David Maratita, Alcohol & Tobacco Control director who also served as the event's project technical support, said that the job expo, funded by a $1-million grant from the U.S. Department of Interior, featured about 30 employers, all looking to hire U.S. workers.

"This is one of the stepping stones right now that we're taking to move forward with this endeavor with U.S. eligible and qualified workers," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Only two hours to the event and a lot of the participating private businesses—from hotels and restaurants to insurance and maintenance companies—had already ran out of application forms.

"I think I was among the first to come here, as early as 8am," said the 42-year-old Olopai who came with her niece. "I decided to come to the event as soon as I heard about it."

Olopai, whose last work was as a juvenile probation officer/social worker for the Division of Youth Services, said she has been trying for years to get back in the government but it's been challenging.

"Being out of a job for four years is very hard because I have family to take care of and bills to pay," said Olopai who eyes working for medical facilities because of her social work background and her stint at the Commonwealth Health Center.

The job expo, Olopai said, is "a positive setup for the unemployed here in the CNMI," estimated at 6,000, based on statistics from the CNMI Department of Labor.

Lisua, Olopai's niece, said that she's been taking culinary classes at NMTI for four months now to help her get a job at any of the more popular hotels on Saipan.

"I'm excited because I think I have the advantage," said Lisua, who obtained a number of hotel application forms that she and Olopai plan to submit within the week. "I want to get a job to help my parents pay the bills."

Ongklungel, who has a son that just started with the Head Start program, disclosed that it's especially hard for locals to get a job "since other companies don't trust us."

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Nearly 1,000 job applicants flock to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe on Friday for the CNMI U.S. Eligible Workers Job Expo.

"They always say they're going to give us a call but they don't. When we follow up, they always keep saying they don't have openings," said Ongklungel, who was laid off in May at the Meridian Land Surveying.

Ongklungel, 32, said that with the success of Friday's job expo, he looks forward to seeing the local government organize similar events in the future.

Same with As Lito resident Jenny Fred, who is eyeing to get a job as a cashier, given her experience working for tax company H&R Block.

"I've been out of work for three years and it's been really hard. I really hope this event will help me get a job," said Fred who submitted application forms for Saipan World Resort and Herman's Bakery, among others.

Acting Commerce secretary Sixto Igisomar said that Friday's event was the first job fair they organized and with "this magnitude."

Igisomar said the "great" turnout reflects the estimated 6,000 U.S. workers that are currently unemployed.

"It's to prove a point that we do have workers out there, U.S. qualified workers, that are looking for a job," he said. "It's now just a matter of the businesses giving them the opportunity to try. You always have to start somewhere."

Igisomar emphasized that the job expo is "a win-win situation" not only for the job seekers but also for the employers, which are given the opportunity to be able to hire qualified U.S. workers and augment their businesses.

Miriam K. Seman, human resources manager for Saipan World Resort, agrees.

"I commend the Department of Commerce for coming up with this idea. So far, I see it being a very successful event," she said.

Seman said they handed out close to 100 application forms in the first three hours of the event. They plan to do a process of elimination followed by the scheduling of preliminary interviews.

She added that they are "very much" positive that they will be able to fill their vacant positions.

Pacific Medical Center Helen Al-alou, for her part, said they also received close to 100 applicants halfway through the event.

Al-alou said it's the first time for PMC to participate in a job fair and their main consideration is to ensure that applicants "have at least some kind of medical field background."

"I think this event is helpful. I'm a local myself and I'd be more than happy to assist applicants," said Al-alou, adding that PMC is willing to train U.S. workers that meet their requirements.

Friay's job hunters, however, were not only limited to the adult crowd. Even students looking for part-time jobs were also on the lookout for opportunities to earn green bucks.

Lunesa Borja, who is taking job class at the Northern Marianas College, said she went to the job expo to look for a job related in sales and administration.

"I'm glad this job expo actually happened," said Borja, 18, who has been trying to get a job since she was in high school two years ago. "I'll keep my hopes up. I'm not doubting anything at this point."

College freshman Allen Joseph Calvo has been trying to get a job about a year now. "Having a job will help me supply for my family and help my mom pay the bills," said Calvo who is currently taking up Liberal Arts, also at NMC.

Calvo, 19, said he came to the job expo with his girlfriend and a friend and has his eye on getting a position as a front desk officer at any of the major hotels on island.

Mark Rabauliman, project coordinator for the job expo, said the event saw ten-fold of the over 100 job seekers that pre-registered at the main sponsor website, jobs.marianas.us.

Igisomar said that Commerce will be calling back participating businesses and "track" how many of the job seekers had been "successfully hired."

Likewise, Igisomar said they will be giving the list of U.S. workers to businesses and organizations that will be awarded with the remainder of the grant from the U.S. Department of Interior to train these workers and include them in their pool of potential employees.

BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday October 27, 2011 at Retirement Fund Building Conference Room, Capitol Hill to consider the following amended agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to Mr. Robert Torres, Esq., who serves as counsel to the Commission's regulatory consultant, at 670-234-5750.

AGENDA

1. **Administrative matters:**
   a. Call to order – confirmation of quorum.
   b. Approval of minutes of October 12, 2011 meeting.
2. **Public comments.**
3. **Telecommunications:**
   a. Docket 11-01: GTA Services LLC's application for certificate of convenience and necessity. Hearing Examiner's October 17, 2011 Memorandum Order.
   b. Hearing Examiner's October 19, 2011 Memo: Inquiry into Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation's rural exemption status under 47 USC § 251(f).
4. **Docket 09-1:** CUC Petition for Approval of USDA Guaranteed Loan.
5. **Other business.**
6. **Adjournment.**

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Minimum acceptable terms include the following:

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- Lessee responsible for own utilities, as well as cost to separately meter;
- 24 months minimum lease term; and
- First month, last month and reasonable security deposit required (amount depends on credit history and financial strength of Lessee).

All proposals are subject to acceptance by the NMIRF Board of Trustees in its sole discretion.

/s/ RICHARD S. VILLAGOMEZ
Administrator, NMI Retirement Fund

Northern Mariana Islands RETIREMENT FUND

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC, Division 9, §9910, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the NMI Retirement Fund Board of Trustees/Workers' Compensation Commission/Group Health & Life Insurance Trust Fund, are hereby giving notice that the Board of Trustees will hold its Regular meeting Friday, October 28, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the NMI Retirement Fund Conference Room, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of Minutes of Meetings
1. August 18, 2011 (Special)
2. September 08, 2011 (Emergency)
3. October 04, 2011 (Emergency)
4. October 13, 2011 (Emergency)
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
III. REPORTS
A. Communications
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B. Status / Updates
1. Administrative
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D. Accounting
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2. GHLITF
3. WCC
E. Board Committees
1. Operations, Personnel & Review
2. Finance & Investment
3. Joint (F&I and OPR)
4. Special
F. Internal Auditor
IV. OLD BUSINESS
A. Post P.L. No. 17-55
B. Crisis Management Plan
C. Organizational Structure
V. NEW BUSINESS
A. Proposed Changes in Regulations
1. Pensions Payout via ACH
2. Reduction in Interest Rate Paid on Refunded Contribution Amounts
3. Repeal Portion of GHLIP Regs.
B. Adoption of ARB in Lieu of COLA
1. Distribution of Final FY 2011 Appropriation
2. Any Funds Appropriated in FY 2012
C. Governor's Directive No. 281 re No Rehiring of Former Government Employees
D. Notice of Appeal – NMIRF Case No. 11-004
E. Securities Agreement (B.R. No. 12-001)
F. Proposed Revision
1. FY 2011 Budget
2. FY 2012 Budget
G. MPLT Proposal to Lease Office Space
H. NMIRF vs. CUC
I. Election of Third Trustee Member of F&I Committee
J. Aetna Renewal Proposal
VI. LEGAL MATTERS
A. Reports
1. Legal / Board Counsel
2. Administrative Hearing Officer
VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
A. Other Related Matters
B. Next Meeting
C. Adjournment

/s/ **SIXTO K. IGISOMAR**
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOG, Joeten donates $15K, car for Club 200 prizes

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REPORTER

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Bank of Guam vice president and CNMI regional manager Marcie M. Tomokane, second left, hands the $15,000 check donation to Club 200 Committee co-chair Teresa Kim, third left, and American Red Cross - NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh yesterday at the bank's Garapan branch. Also in photo are, from left, Red Cross Emergency Services director JD Tenorio, Bank of Guam assistant vice president and credit officer James Matsumoto, and assistant vice president and branch manager Larry A. Philip.

Days before its biggest annual fundraising event, the American Red Cross – NMI Chapter accepted yesterday a $15,000 check donation from Bank of Guam and a 2011 Ford Fiesta from the Joeten Charitable Foundation and Joeten Motor Company, Inc.

Both donations will be used as prizes for the 23rd Annual Club 200 on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan. This year's theme for the dinner and raffle event is "Fantasy Island."

Marcie M. Tomokane, Bank of Guam vice president and CNMI regional manager and a former Red Cross board member herself, said their regular donation for the annual fundraising event ranges from $10,000 to $15,000.

"We're proud to be one of the major sponsors of the American Red Cross Club 200 event," she said. "It's a good organization that's always there in times of need, especially during disasters and calamities."

Joeten Motors general manager Matthew Deets said that they have made cash and in-kind donations to the Club 200 but he believes this is the first time they actually donated a car.

"We support the CNMI and the American Red Cross, which is a very good organization. We're always happy to be a part of the Annual Club 200 event," said Deets.

Teresa Kim, this year's Club 200 committee co-chair, told *Saipan Tribune* that they are "very grateful" for the donations they receive from Club 200 corporate donors and that they "are ahead of our sales this year" with members of the public buying Club 200 tickets ahead of time. The tickets cost $100 each. "We're very excited about that," she added.

Despite the challenging times, Kim hopes to see at the Club 200 not just their regular supporters but also new supporters as well.

"The economy is bad but I really hope for people to come out and at least enjoy themselves for that one evening and have a sense of fulfillment at the end of the night knowing that they did help the American Red Cross," said Kim.

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Officials of Joeten Charitable Foundation, Joeten Motor Co., and the American Red Cross - NMI Chapter pose for a group photo yesterday by the 2011 Ford Fiesta that the foundation donated for the 23rd Annual Club 200 event scheduled on Saturday.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
October 21, 2011

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. SANDY BEACH HOMES	09/09/2011 SPIm-2010-X-062 (AMEND)	Parking & Generator Room	Chalan Kanoa	Amendment	Approved (09/27/2011)*
2. MASAHIRO I. YOKOYAMA	09/27/2011 SPIm-2011-X-055	Dry Dock	South Sea Ramp	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (09/28/2011)*
3. D.T.C Saipan	10/11/2011 SSm-2011-X-056	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (10/13/2011)*
4. Good Day Coordinating	10/12/2011 SSm-2011-X-057	Photographic Activities	Shoreline Areas	Shoreline APC	Approved (10/20/2011)*
5. DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	10/17/2011 SSm-2011-X-058	Picnic Tables	Sugar Dock	Shoreline APC	Approved (10/19/2011)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 25, 1999

Teno extends state of emergency anew
For the third time since July, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio has declared a state of disaster emergency in the CNMI after a volcano north of Saipan remains to be a danger for residents due to potential major eruptions within the next few months. In extending an earlier warning issued last Friday, the governor has kept the island of Alamagan at high risk for habitation and travel, thus restricting activities there only to scientific expeditions to monitor the volcano. Residents of Alamagan, however, have already fled the northern island after the government forbade travels to the area. According to the governor, the area is still unsafe for human habitation.

GMA urges fair coverage of CNMI issues at WTO
When the World Trade Organization meets late next month in Seattle, organizations ranging from labor unions and consumer groups to hard-line environmentalists and Third World peasant movements are planning major demonstrations. The Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association has urged the Seattle Times to rethink its past coverage, particularly of partial settlements by clothing retailers named in the class action lawsuits filed last January. Stories in the Times and throughout the stateside media presented this as a big victory for workers and the human rights groups supporting them, which proves that all claims of bad treatment and worker abuse on Saipan are true.

Oct. 25, 2000

CPA eyes reinstatement of overtime work
The Commonwealth Ports Authority is seriously looking at the possibility of allowing employees to work beyond the regular 80 hours per pay period but only under specific situations that may require their presence either at the airport or the harbor. CPA Board finance chair Roman T. Tudela said the agency's current financial situation can allow the reinstatement of overtime compensation, which was previously suspended due to austerity measures, but only under strict enforcement. In order to prevent possible abuse of the proposed reinstatement of overtime compensation, Mr. Tudela said Executive Director Carlos H. Salas or his designee should have the sole authority and discretion to approve overtime requests.

Hire 'outsider' for OPA post
The chair of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations yesterday backed a recommendation from outgoing Public Auditor Leo L. LaMotte to hire an outsider to replace him. Sen. Joaquin G. Adriano said that while he is leaving the appointment of new chief of Office of Public Auditor to the governor, the government should recruit from off-island or from the U.S. mainland. "That position should [be filled by someone from] the outside. I will support it based on the recommendation of Mr. LaMotte," he told reporters in an interview. The EAGI chair expressed preference for an outsider in order to ensure "balance of power" in the critical position.

Oct. 25, 2001

Teno OKs website for CNMI youths
The administration may be scraping the bottom of the barrel when it comes to funds but it certainly is not scrimping when it comes to its kids. Underscoring the value that the administration places on its youths, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed into law two bills that would establish a youth webpage and a council for youth affairs. Both measures were authored by Rep. William S. Torres. In a transmittal letter to legislative leaders, Tenorio yesterday said that Finance Secretary Lucy Nielsen has assured him that there is money available to fund the development, implementation and maintenance of a CNMI Youth Webpage.

Activiation of NMI's Army Reserve eyed
The US Pacific Command is considering the request of Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio for help in detailing more men to guard the Commonwealth's airports to comply with federally mandated security level. Tenorio's request was coursed through Rear Admiral Tom S. Fellin, the US Navy's commander for the Naval Forces Marianas. Fellin is the Guam Representative to the US Pacific Command. Fellin's public affairs oficer, Lt. Monica M. Richardson, said Tenorio's proposal to activate the CNMI's Army Reserve is being studied. "[Rear] Admiral Fellin and his staff are reviewing the request," said Richardson via telephone from Guam.

DPS seeking public's and business community's help

The CNMI Department of Public Safety is doing everything within the limits of its available resources, assets, and wealth, to increase its presence in our community and deter crime. Day in and day out, DPS is responding to increasing number of complaints and requests for police assistance as promptly as possible, 24/7. Patrols are dispatched to tourist sites to conduct periodic checks daily and consistently within reason.

DPS understands our community's concerns and anguish. We all want the best and quickest solutions and actions. However, our criminal justice system requires observation and respect for established civil and criminal law procedures, rights and restrictions governing a multitude of processes to protect both victims and offenders. DPS has to temper and strike a balance when releasing information, and for that matter, better judgment dictates not to release significant information on cases still under investigation, including cases that have been completely investigated, filed, and prepared for trial. This procedural consideration is necessary to prevent perpetrators/offenders; those officially facing criminal charges and criminals-on-the-loose alike from receiving information and gaining advantage to elude detection, avoid arrest, weaken prosecution, or create improved schemes to commit more crimes.

In most instances, DPS remaining completely or near silent by only issuing carefully selected information to the public through the media—just enough to solicit useful information and facilitate investigative process—also protects the integrity and strength of the case by keeping it intact in order to ensure highest rate of success in prosecution and adjudication.

DPS is listening and painstakingly addressing our community's outcries, demands and expectations to deter all forms of criminal acts as well as apprehend criminals. Police officers too, and their loved ones, live in the same community and share similar hopes and desires to enjoy a peaceful and crime-free society.

"We have assessed our assets and understood how much wealth we possess. We are indeed poor. Also, we have identified our objectives and prioritized those objectives based on our wealth and assets," stated Commissioner Ramon Mafnas. "Now DPS is refining its organizational structure and is in the midst of finalizing personnel assignments most suitable to carry out objectives based on our assets: human resources, physical resources, and fiscal resources. Such adjustments and refinement processes must continue until fine-tuning is optimized and aligned with assets and objectives by priority."

It is the department's goals and objectives to improve and promote professional standards, performance, efficiency, and subsequently, image. DPS can achieve these goals and objectives by taking into consideration the establishment of the following management components to ensure that the men and women of the department receive adequate preparation, guidance, supervision, direction, support, assistance, and attention to meet their ever-growing challenges: care, discipline, training, and treatment. Each of these components is intended to develop, empower, nurture, and improve the quality of human resources in order to be adequately prepared to accomplish tasks essential to the mission, duties, and responsibilities of the Department of Public Safety.

In the meantime, DPS continues to seek assistance to acquire additional patrol cars, hire highly-qualified personnel, increase training, and improve the delivery and quality of police services. These efforts, along with policy review, policy refinement and implementation, will go a long way in improving DPS' professional standards, performance, efficiency, and image.

"The safety and security of our community is everyone's business, duty and responsibility. The Department of Public Safety respectfully requests members of our community for assistance in promptly providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for reported and unreported crimes," said Mafnas. "As we build and strengthen our public relations tripod—the Community, Police, and Program—we hope to carve and develop an excellent and permanent community-based partnership, also known as community-based partnering, for the benefit of all CNMI residents and visitors alike to enjoy a safer and more peaceful Commonwealth." ***(Office of the Governor)***

Comment period extended to Oct. 31 for the DoD public access plan

PITI, Guam—Guam and CNMI residents have until Monday, Oct. 31, to submit public comments about the Department of Defense Public Access Plan.

The Public Access Plan is required by the Guam and CNMI Programmatic Agreement associated with the Marine Corps realignment. The plan is intended to facilitate visits to cultural and historic sites of interest and significance located on DoD properties in Guam and the CNMI.

"The PA requires close coordination with signatories, invited signatories, concurring parties and interested members of the public," said Jennifer Farley, NAVFAC Marianas natural resources specialist. "The extra time for public comments is our continued commitment to partner with the Guam and CNMI State Historic Preservation Offices and stakeholders."

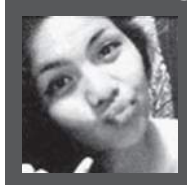
Interested members of the public may download comment forms at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific Cultural Resources Information website: http://bit.ly/NAVFAC-GuamPA, or at the Guam SHPO website: http://www.historicguam.org.

Printed forms in English, Chamorro, and Carolinian are available at the following locations:

GUAM
- Guam SHPO Office
- Office of the Department of Chamorro Affairs
- Each village Mayors' Office
- Office of the Mayors Council of Guam
- University of Guam Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC)

CNMI
- Saipan, Tinian and Rota SHPO Offices
- Saipan, Tinian and Rota mayors' offices
- Office of the Mayor of the Northern Mariana Islands
- Public Libraries on Saipan and Tinian
- CNMI Indigenous Affairs Office

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy 18th birthday to our sexy sister, Casilda Marilyn Itibus! Have a great day today and may the good Lord continue to bless you. We love you! Greetings come from LeiJesAna. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy belated 27th birthday to our soldier girl Maylnn H. Babauta, who celebrated her birthday on Oct. 23. We love you, miss you, and be safe! Greetings come from your boy Kody Angel and the rest of the family. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BOG's photo contest deadline on Oct. 28

» High school students throughout region eligible for cash prizes

The Bank of Guam Photography Contest is now underway.

The contest is open to all high school students through Guam, the CNMI, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands.

Photo must be taken taken throughout Guam, the CNMI, Republic of Palau, the FSM, or the Republic of the Marshall Islands and certified by the student(s). The deadline to submit entries is this Friday, Oct. 28, 2011

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 12 photo selections ($175 each). Each student is limited to two photos each. Entry forms are available at all high schools, Bank of Guam branches and its website www.bankofguam.com.

The contest theme is "Our Island, Our Home." Entries should be a minimum 4X6 print in color or black and white. For digital photos, copy to a CD and include a printed copy of the photo.

The Bank of Guam will feature the winning photos on its website: www.bankofguam.com and they may also be used in future advertising material.

For more information, contact Maria Cooper-Nurse at (671) 472-5231, email at maria.cooper-nurse@bankofguam.com or fax at (671) 477-6796. ***(BOG)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Military training on FDM

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla Oct. 24-28, from 7am to 9pm.

The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

Audition call

There will be auditions for *The Miracle Worker* today and tomorrow, Oct. 25 and 26, at 6:30pm, at the MHS Theater Bldg T, west end of the main parking lot (Beach Road side). No preparation required. Needed are several women ages 20-70, fewer men ages 20-70, and many young girls ages 6-16. if you are interested and cannot make the auditions, please call Susan Fishman-Tudor at 287-2225. Show is scheduled for Dec. 9-11, 2011. ***(PR)***

UOG seeks Pacific writing and art for Storyboard

The University of Guam's Division of English and Applied Linguistics released today a call for submissions for its literary journal, *Storyboard.* Writers and artists from Guam and the greater Pacific are encouraged to submit their work for journal's 12th issue, which will focus on the theme "Crossings."

Storyboard accepts submissions from all genres, including poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction, drama, scholarly works, book reviews, visual and graphic art, and photography. Successful submissions will be inspired by the idea of crossing and its many interpretations, which may include the following: crossing of water or borders; crossing and intermingling of cultures, stories and beliefs; Guam and its neighbors as a historical, political and social crossroads of the Pacific; the many meanings of "crossing"; and other ideas.

All submissions must be emailed to storyboardjournal@gmail.com on or before midnight, Dec. 8, 2011. *Storyboard 12* will be published in April 2012. For more information contact Tali Ariav at storyboardjournal@gmail.com or 671-735-2725 or 671-735-2850. ***(UOG)***

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ADDENDUM NO. 1
10-25-11
RFQ12-GOV-002
Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services
702 CIP Project Managers

The previously advertised notice, Request for Qualification ("RFQ") for the **"Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services – 702 CIP Project Managers"** has been amended. The specific amendment is to the pre-proposal conference date. Amendment shall read:

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Program, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements. A pre-proposal conference is schedule for this RFQ on November 3, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the CIP Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill. All submitted documents must follow submittal requirements.

All other elements of the RFQ remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Capital Improvement Office, during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative at (670)664-2371 or by fax at (670)664-2408.

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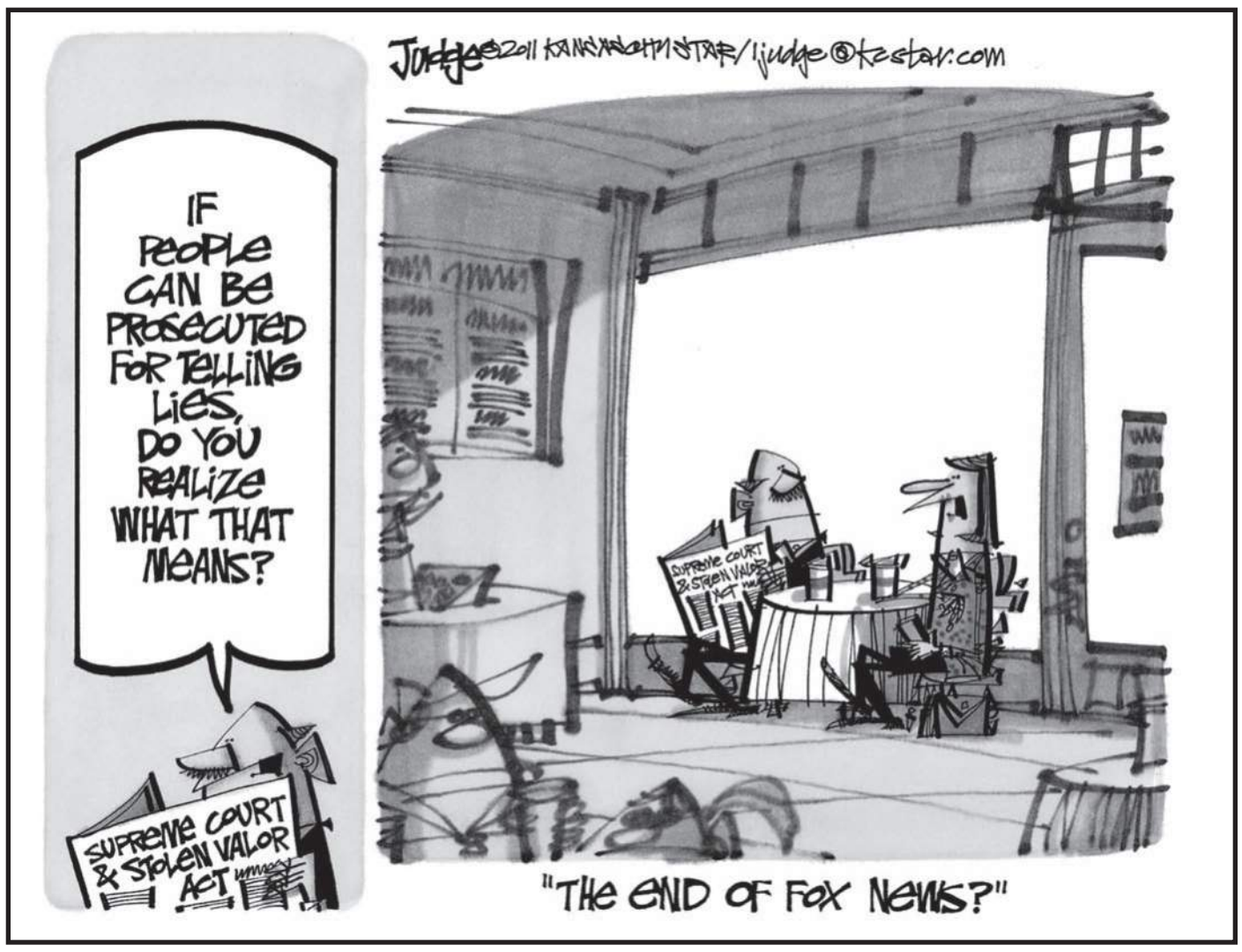
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In Jefferson's view: Three American memorials trace the nation's racial progress

By JOSEPH J. ELLIS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

During Bill Clinton's presidency, he frequently mentioned that he could look out the window of the Oval Office and enjoy a straight-line view of the Jefferson Memorial on the Tidal Basin. But where, I wondered as a biographer of that man from Monticello, was Jefferson looking?

I recently toured the National Mall, which allowed me to answer that question. Jefferson, in his ring of white marble columns, is looking across the waters of the Tidal Basin at the newly installed Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, which was dedicated Sunday. The historical implications of this juxtaposition are rather significant.

Jefferson wrote the magic words of American history, the ones that begin, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

When King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in August 1963, he did so on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, honoring the man who ended slavery. But in his speech, King also said that he had come to collect on "a promissory note" written by Jefferson, alluding to those magic words, just as Lincoln had done 100 years earlier in the Gettysburg Address.

The full implications of Jefferson's words took a very long time to become clear to us: Lincoln was the one who told us that they meant the end of slavery, and King was the one who told us that they meant racial equality. For this reason we can regard these three icons as an American trinity that embodies our creedal convictions in their 18th, 19th and 20th century versions.

But there is one glaring problem with this symbolic story. While Jefferson made several eloquent statements denouncing slavery as a moral travesty, he opposed any federal or state action to end it, at least in part because he did not believe that blacks and whites could live together once slavery was ended. And he held to that conviction because he believed that blacks were inherently, indeed biologically, inferior. He was at odds with the central premise of King's reading of his words.

As Jefferson explained in "Notes on the State of Virginia," the freed blacks would have to be shipped back to Africa or the Caribbean because the biological differences between blacks and whites were unsurmountable and "produce convulsions which will probably never end but in the extermination of one or the other race."

The Mall is the semi-sacred space where what Lincoln called "the mystic chords of memory" play on everlastingly. And the location of the King Memorial introduces a new motif into the chorus.

Jefferson was far ahead of his time on matters of human rights, but he was a man of his time on matters of race. His new neighbor now has the opportunity to bring him up to date on what his famous words have come to mean for us today, a daily reminder that he—and the new nation—was more prescient than he knew.

Joseph J. Ellis is the author of American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson. *He teaches history at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. His book* Revolutionary Summer, *on the summer of 1776, is due in 2012. He wrote this for the* Los Angeles Times.

Small is beautiful—but it can also be fragile

By KEVIN RUDD
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Kevin Rudd is the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

As a neighbor to many small island developing states, Australia knows well their vulnerability to climate change. The very existence of countries like Kiribati, the Maldives, and the Marshall Islands could be threatened by rising sea levels and more extreme storm surges resulting from global warming.

Yet these and other small developing states are the least responsible for climate change. Small developing states together account for less than 1 percent of global emissions, and produce an average of 3.3 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions per capita compared to the world average of 4.6 tons.

Many small island and coastal states depend on the oceans for their food and livelihoods. Yet marine ecosystems and coral reefs worldwide are in decline due to overfishing and other destructive fishing practices. Ocean acidification and the impacts of climate change also threaten the long-term survival of marine species.

Small developing states are especially exposed to natural disasters such as hurricanes, cyclones, and droughts, some so severe that entire populations and economies are affected. The tsunami that hit Samoa in 2009 cost that country 22 percent of its annual GDP.

The international community, over the next several months, has a chance to change the course of sustainable development.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban at the end of this year provides another opportunity to take concrete steps toward a global climate regime that includes legally binding mitigation commitments by all major emitters.

The international community will meet again just six months later in Rio de Janeiro for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as the Rio+20 Summit. The Rio+20 Summit presents a further opportunity for the international community to set the world on a more sustainable course and to decide on practical outcomes that integrate the three pillars of sustainable development—the economic, social, and environmental.

It is important that the global community makes the most of these opportunities.

The world's population is projected to reach 9 billion by 2050. Coupled with current economic trends, this could bring with it a tripling in consumption of basic natural resources.

Carbon emissions in 2010 were the highest in history, according to the International Energy Agency. And world primary energy demand is estimated to increase by 36 percent between 2008 and 2035.

Australia knows well that the future prosperity of small developing states depends on global progress toward a more sustainable future.

The world needs to hear the concerns of small developing states to understand fully the challenges we all face. And the world needs to act to help small developing states build their resilience to the threats they face.

From October 28 to 30, Australia will host the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth, with the themes "Building National Resilience, Building Global Resilience." CHOGM will turn the international community's attention to the importance of building resilience, particularly that of small states, to global crises.

In the lead-up to CHOGM, I will host a meeting of Commonwealth and Developing Small States Foreign Ministers, bringing together a diverse range of states from every continent. The meeting will focus on the challenges particular to developing small states in combating climate change and achieving sustainable development, and identify how the Commonwealth can advance these priorities through national and international cooperation.

We will look to pass this message to CHOGM, to the G20 Summit in France in November, to the Durban climate change conference and to Rio+20.

As the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon made clear in his address to the United Nations General Assembly last month, sustainable development is the imperative of our century.

Through our role in CHOGM and the G20, at Durban and Rio, Australia will be supporting small developing states to ensure that their voices are heard loud and clear.

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FAS citizens must act now to preserve status

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Just when we thought we had a pretty good handle on how federalization of immigration is affecting various members of the CNMI community, we discovered a new twist. As a result of several email exchanges with federal immigration officials over the course of the last week, we now understand that citizens of the Freely Associated States, or FAS, are not immune from the effects of the CRNA and will need to act affirmatively to preserve their status. The FAS includes the Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae), the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

FAS citizens and the Compacts of Free Association

It is common knowledge that the FAS countries have close ties with the United States as reflected in their respective Compacts of Free Association, which spell out the terms of the relationship. Although FAS citizens are deemed "aliens" because they are not citizens of the United States, they are able to freely travel to and work in the United States and its territories without the need for a visa. This privileged status was recognized under former CNMI labor and immigration law: FAS citizens were freely admitted into the CNMI, worked in the CNMI without the need for a work permit, and were counted as "local hire" for purposes of local preference. So were their immediate relatives, after a successful federal lawsuit in the 1990s. How could the CRNA, which transferred the immigration authority of the CNMI to the United States, affect FAS citizens who had the same status under both CNMI and federal immigration law? Especially since USCIS has offered parole in place to FAS IRs?

Effect of the CRNA on FAS citizens

What really happened when the CRNA became effective on Nov. 28, 2009? We find it useful to think of this event in visual terms: prior to that date, the borders of the United States stopped at Guam; on that date the borders stretched to include the CNMI. On Nov. 27, 2009, we were outside of the U.S. for immigration purposes; beginning on Nov. 28, we were inside. We didn't go anywhere, the border simply rolled over us. It is easy to understand why a person who crosses the U.S. border in the desert far from a border crossing, or who lands on the shores of the U.S. on a secluded beach far from a port of entry should be deemed "illegal." It is more difficult to understand how people, who stayed in one place just living their lives, could become illegal—or potentially so—from one day to the next, without going anywhere. Yet that is exactly what happened in the CNMI.

The legal terminology for all aliens present in the CNMI on the effective day of the CRNA is "present without admission or parole." Generally, aliens "present without admission or parole" are subject to removal (i.e. deportation). The CRNA provided protection for aliens who had CNMI permits issued prior to that date for a period of up to two years, ending on Nov. 28, 2011. Thus aliens with umbrella permits or other classes of valid CNMI permits were shielded, for two years, from the effects of being present without admission or parole.

How does this apply to FAS citizens? FAS citizens were not issued umbrella permits or any other CNMI permits because, under CNMI law, they didn't need one. Accordingly, they, like every other alien present in the CNMI on Nov. 28, 2009, became "present without admission or parole" but without the protection of umbrella or any other CNMI permit to protect them.

Well, this presents a problem, doesn't it? The Compacts of Free Association say that citizens of FAS countries can freely travel to and work in the United States and its territories. The CRNA, on the other hand, would dictate that FAS citizens present in the CNMI on or after Nov. 28, 2009, are "present without admission or parole" and, therefore, at least theoretically removable. To solve this dilemma, the Department of Homeland Security has come up with a neat solution.

What FAS citizens must do to preserve status

All FAS citizens, who have *not* left and re-entered the CNMI since Nov. 28, 2009, will need to obtain a Form I-94, (Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record), a document that is normally issued to aliens upon entering the United States at an official port of entry. The Form I-94 is issued by a Customs and Border Protection officer upon a determination that the alien is admissible to the United States. In order to be admitted, the alien must show an appropriate visa, visa waiver, or parole. The Form I-94 is usually stapled into the alien's passport with a stamp showing the expiration date. An alien who does not depart the United States by the expiration date, or who does not obtain an extension of the period of lawful admission, is subject to removal. FAS citizens will not need to exit the CNMI just to obtain an I-94 upon their return. Rather, they can obtain an I-94 by simply visiting CBP at the Francisco C. Ada International Airport on Saipan. Call ahead to get an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled between 10am and 2pm, and again between 5pm and 7pm. According to CBP, these hours should be available seven days a week depending on flights, staffing, and previously scheduled appointments. All processing is conducted at the airport. The CBP number to call is 288-0025.

Because one of our staff is a citizen of Palau, we have had an opportunity to observe how this process works. She called CBP, got an appointment for the same day, went to the airport, and had an I-94 stapled into her passport. The stamp has the date of issue, "Class CFA/P" (Compact of Free Association/Palau) and "Until: D/S" (Duration of Status). So it appears there is no expiration date, although if she leaves the CNMI, she is likely to be issued a new I-94 upon her return. All in all a pretty painless process. Note: All FAS citizens who *have* left the CNMI and then re-entered since Nov. 28, 2009, should look at the Form I-94 stapled into their passports when they re-entered. Kudos to CBP.

Do FAS citizens need work authorization?

An issue related to admission is authorization to work. Generally, all nonimmigrant aliens to the U.S. are required to have a valid Employment Authorization Document, or EAD, in order to be legally employed. Formerly, this requirement was of no concern to FAS citizens in the CNMI because, prior to Nov. 28, 2009, the CNMI was not part of the U.S. for immigration purposes and, therefore, no EAD was required.

What about now? We are informed by USCIS, that pursuant to renegotiated Compacts and case law, citizens of FAS countries are no longer required to have EAD to legally work.

USCIS explains it thus: FAS Compact nonimmigrants from any of the three Compact nations are work authorized incident to status under 8 CFR 274a.12(a)(8), and therefore, are not required to obtain EADs in order to work lawfully. However, in order to be lawfully hired by an employer anywhere in the U.S., including the CNMI, the alien will need to be able to present documentation satisfying Form I-9 requirements. An EAD is a Form I-9 "List A" secure document meeting these requirements, and is also useful for other identification purposes; thus, Compact nonimmigrants are encouraged, but are not required, to obtain an EAD. At the present time USCIS is providing four-year EADs, with no fee, to Compact nonimmigrants who file Form I-765 applications as directed in the form's instructions. Form I-765 and instructions are available for free from USCIS, online at http://tinyurl.com/yaw8mf.

If the Compact national has other acceptable Form I-9 documentation, he or she may use that. In the case of RMI and FSM nationals under their amended Compacts—but not Palauans—the valid passport and I-94 showing Compact admission is acceptable. Compact nationals, including Palauans, are also likely to be able to obtain valid driver's licenses and unrestricted Social Security cards, which also are an acceptable I-9 document combination.

In summary, if you are an FAS citizen, and you have not entered the CNMI since Nov. 28, 2009, you will need to go to the airport and get CBP to issue you an I-94. Make sure to have a valid passport and some other form of ID. It is essential that you do this before Nov. 28, 2012.

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Letters to the Editor

I don't think so

The other day I was catching up on my reading and I came across a copy of Public Law 17-40. In it I found a reference to Senate Legislative Initiative 11-1. These documents together establish that only persons of Northern Marianas Descent can vote on matters concerning Article 12 of the CNMI Constitution.

Article 1, Section 101 of the Covenant states, "The Northern Mariana Islands upon termination of the Trusteeship Agreement will become a self-governing commonwealth to be known as the 'Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,' in political union with and under the sovereignty of the United States of America."

Article 5, Section 501(a) of the Covenant declares, "To the extent that they are not applicable of their own force, the following provisions of the Constitution of the United States will be applicable within the Northern Mariana Islands as if the Northern Mariana Islands were one of the several States Amendment 15..."

The 15th amendment of the U.S. Constitution clearly states that, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Taken together, this simply means that the Constitution of the United States is the law of the land (to include the NMI) and the people of the NMI understand and agree to this relationship, that the people of the NMI will acknowledge and obey the law as laid out in the U.S. Constitution.

So, who thought this was a good idea? Who thought it was a good idea to deny U.S. citizens the right to vote? Here in the NMI I hear lots of chatter about the U.S. Constitution and rights of the people. So who didn't actually read the U.S. Constitution OR the Covenant before passing this legislation? Why has this not been challenged in a court of law? U.S. citizens Americans are being denied the right to vote? Without challenge? Yeah, right. With only about 14 months until the elections, I don't think so.

John H. Davis
Fina Sisu, Saipan

More clarification from PSS

PSS prides itself that since the start of the HQT conditions for teachers, the SAT-10 aggregate scores for all students has doubled. Does this mean that PSS is satisfied with the dismal high school graduate of school year 2010 whose reading proficiency performance was at below the 9th grade level? So, if these graduates were 8th grade students four years ago, then the SAT-10 results for school year 2010 was really a reflection of stagnation in the education outcome of high school graduates of school year 2010. We need more information from PSS about this situation, and explain the numbers in layman's terms for all to understand.

Francisco R. Agulto
Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

Not ashamed

The AG's office is obviously retaliating against the OPA for stating that Attorney General Ed Buckingham committed illegal acts and abused his power by ordering his staff to use government resources and government time to invite people to attend Joe Camacho's campaign at Fitial's mansion in Gualo Rai. You see, Joe Camacho ran for lieutenant governor and lost so he made a deal with the devil. He endorsed Fitial's candidacy for governor (I really don't know how he got re-elected by majority of CNMI voters) so Fitial returned the favor by having the campaign at his luxurious mansion. Of course, Bucky is going to obey his boss Fitial and host the event and use his authority to spread the word. Now Bucky is upset that the spotlight is on him again, so he is trying to shine the spotlight back on Michael Pai's wife.

Either way, Bucky boy, you need to step down. You and Fitial should both step down so that progress can be made in the CNMI. You committed a crime and should be prosecuted just like those who you prosecute when they commit crimes. You should have prosecuted Fitial for the midnight massage, which also is an abuse of power. Time to for the people to elect the AG and a much better governor.

Antonio Aldan
Kagman, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Isolated afternoon thunderstorms near Guam. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼77
Palau	Showers	▲87	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼76
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼73
Kosrae	Showers	▲87	▼76
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼76

Around The Globe

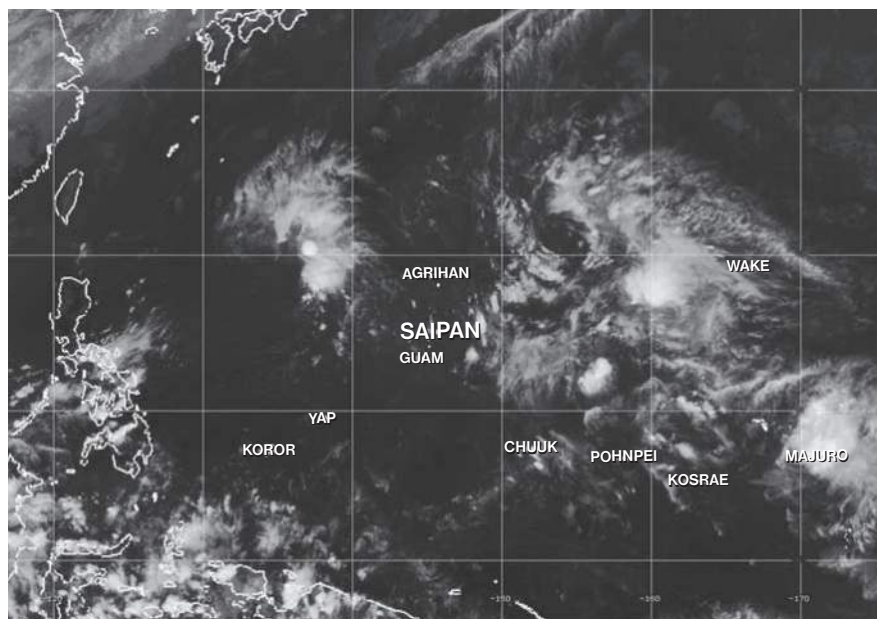
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲66	▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲62	▼44
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼73
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼76
London	Showers	▲59	▼49
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼56
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲90	▼80
Melbourne	Showers	▲61	▼51
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼73
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼48
Osaka	Showers	▲71	▼55
Paris	Rain	▲58	▼45
Pusan	Windy	▲60	▼47
Rome	Windy	▲75	▼61
Salem	Sunny	▲57	▼39
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲71	▼56
Seoul	Sunny	▲57	▼41
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲77	▼56
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲67	▼51

Tides

Saipan Harbor

6:03 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:03 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet
5:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered west of the Marianas near 18N135E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 160 miles of a line from 19N138E to 25N135E. An upper-level low is centered well northeast of Saipan at 22N153E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Wake Island between 12N and 25N from 150E to 166E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing a small area of scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between Chuuk and Pohnpei within 90 miles of 7N155E. A trade-wind trough is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands within 120 miles of a line from 5N170E to 9N180 and farther east-northeast beyond 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Wednesday	6:11 AM	5:51 PM
Thursday	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Saturday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:10 AM	4:21 PM
Wednesday	5:11 AM	5:11 PM
Thursday	6:15 AM	6:04 PM
Friday	7:21 AM	7:02 PM
Saturday	8:26 AM	8:02 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2011

DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
0Z606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
0Z603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
0Z704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
0Z724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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Solar power is beginning to go mainstream

NEW YORK (AP)—Solar energy may finally get its day in the sun.

The high costs that for years made it impractical as a mainstream source of energy are plummeting. Real estate companies are racing to install solar panels on office buildings. Utilities are erecting large solar panel "farms" near big cities and in desolate deserts. And creative financing plans are making solar more realistic than ever for homes.

Solar power installations doubled in the United States last year and are expected to double again this year. More solar energy is being planned than any other power source, including nuclear, coal, natural gas and wind.

"We are at the beginning of a turning point," says Andrew Beebe, who runs global sales for Suntech Power, a manufacturer of solar panels.

Solar's share of the power business remains tiny. But its promise is great. The sun splashes more clean energy on the planet in one hour than humans use in a year, and daytime is when power is needed most. And solar panels can be installed near where people use power, reducing or eliminating the costs of moving power through a grid.

Solar power has been held back by costs. It's still about three times more expensive than electricity produced by natural gas, according to estimates by the Energy Information Administration.

But the financial barriers are falling fast. Solar panel prices have plunged by two-thirds since 2008, making it easier for installers to market solar's financial benefits, and not simply its environmental ones. Homeowners who want to go solar can do so for free and pay the same or less for their power.

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In this Sept. 14, 2011 photo, Tim Johnson poses for a portrait with solar panels on his roof in Philadelphia. Since March, he has generated 50 percent to 75 percent of his electricity with a set of solar panels on his roof, saving 20 percent on his electricity bills.

Last month two of the nation's biggest utilities, Exelon and NextEra Energy, each acquired a large California solar power farm in the early stages of development. Another utility, NRG Energy, has announced a plan with Bank of America and the real estate firm Prologis to spend $1.4 billion to install solar systems on 750 commercial rooftops.

Nationwide, solar power installations grew by 102 percent from 2009 to 2010, by far the fastest rate in the past five years.

"Every manufacturer globally is looking around for the next major growth market, and the U.S. is the first one everyone points to," says Shayle Kann, managing director for solar research at GTM Research.

Making solar affordable still requires large tax breaks and other subsidies from federal and state governments. The main federal subsidy pays for 30 percent of the cost of a residential system. When state and other subsidies are added, as much as 75 percent of the cost can be covered.

But prices of solar panels, the squares of crystalline silicon or thin layers of metal films that turn the sun's rays into electricity, are falling so fast that its advocates now credibly claim that solar will be able to compete with fossil fuels even when the federal solar subsidy shrinks by two-thirds in 2016.

"Over the past 10 years the industry has made the case that we needed to increase scale so we could reduce prices," says Arno Harris, CEO of solar developer Recurrent Energy, a subsidiary of Sharp Corp.

"We're seeing it happen."

The falling prices have made it easier for solar installers to raise the money needed to grow. And they've made solar power systems so affordable they can appeal to homeowners who want to save on their electric bill, not just reduce their environmental impact.

Tim Johnson, a high school math teacher in Philadelphia, had wanted to put solar panels on his roof for years. Like many people concerned about the environment, the thought of powering his home without burning fossil fuels had a strong appeal. But with two kids in college, he couldn't justify spending $15,000, after subsidies, to do it.

But since March, he has generated 50 percent to 75 percent of his electricity with a set of solar panels on his roof, saving 20 percent on his electricity bills. His upfront cost for the system: $0.

Instead of buying and installing the panels himself, he signed up with SunRun, one of a handful of companies that build, own and maintain solar systems on homes. These companies earn money by charging customers for the power the panels produce.

Johnson pays SunRun $52 a month, and he pays his traditional utility for whatever extra power he needs from the grid. In all, he pays $60 to $100 a month for power; he used to pay $90 to $120.

Delta launches new SkyMiles earning options

» Double miles available for staying at Mandarin Oriental hotels through Dec. 31

GUALO RAI, Saipan—Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) has launched a new SkyMiles partnership program with Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. SkyMiles members can now earn 500 miles for each eligible stay at any participating Mandarin Oriental property around the world.

To celebrate the launch of this new partnership, Delta and Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group are offering a special double miles benefit to SkyMiles members for each stay through Dec. 31, 2011.

"We continue to build a better travel experience for SkyMiles members and these new benefits with Mandarin Oriental are a significant win for our customers," said Jeff Robertson, vice president-SkyMiles, Delta Air Lines. "Our relationships with other travel partners diversify the SkyMiles experience for our members. This is something customers have told us is very important to them."

Now in its 30th year, SkyMiles is one of the longest-running and most successful loyalty programs in the travel industry. The program offers members multiple mileage-earning opportunities including 100 percent miles on every purchased fare when flying with Delta, Delta Shuttle, the Delta Connection and by flying with SkyTeam® alliance partners. Additional mile-earning opportunities are offered through other airline partners, hotels and bank partners including the co-branded credit card with Bank of Guam Bank of the Philippine Islands, Samsung in Korea and Citibank, JCB and Diners Club in Japan. Delta is introducing more ways to redeem miles, including airline tickets, merchandise, car rentals and hotel stays for customers. For more information on the SkyMiles program, Medallion status and mileage redemption options, visit delta.com. ***(Delta)***

No deal yet on euro crisis as the danger grows

BRUSSELS (AP)—European leaders yet again put off the tough decisions needed to save the continent from its debt crisis but promised Sunday that a comprehensive plan is still coming.

As they dawdled, the danger was rising in an already high-stakes game.

Leaders of the continent's richest countries had unusually stern words Sunday for Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, because many fear his nation could be the next dragged into the debt crisis if it does not make major budget cuts quickly.

That would spell disaster: Europe has rescued three small nations—Greece, Ireland and Portugal—but cannot afford to rescue Italy, the eurozone's third largest economy. Analysts say EU leaders, known as the European Council when they meet in Brussels, have to act now to eliminate the possibility of Italy's financial collapse. "Between now and Wednesday, some members of the European Council have to convince colleagues that their country implements commitments fully," EU President Herman Van Rompuy said after the day's meetings, clearly referring to Italy. On Wednesday, leaders will gather again—to unveil their solution, they promise.

When asked later what would happen if countries failed to fall in line, he responded: "They will make commitments."

Whether that message was getting through, however, was unclear. "The Italian fundamentals are very solid," Berlusconi told reporters after the 12-hour meeting.

For weeks it's been clear what the 17 countries that use the euro must do: reduce Greece's debt burden so the country eventually can stand on its own, force banks to raise more money so they can ride out the financial storm that will entail, and show that their European bailout fund is big and nimble enough to prevent larger economies from getting dragged into the crisis.

On Saturday, officials said the leaders were nearing agreement on slashing Greece's debts and strengthening the continent's banks, many of which are awash in Greek bonds. But Sunday, the only solid detail to emerge from three days of intense talks was that banks will have to raise their capital buffers much faster than they had planned—by the end of 2012, instead of 2019.

A European official said Saturday the banks would be forced to raise just over euro100 billion ($140 billion) more for their rainy-day funds, but leaders have not given an official figure.

Instead, at a series of news conferences Sunday, all they could do was promise to deliver big at their next summit.

"There are still problems to solve, but we are moving forward on all subjects," French President Nicolas Sarkozy said as he left Sunday's meetings. "There is a still a lot of work to do ... but there are no more blockages."

Analysts who have seen this pattern for months couldn't help but be skeptical.

"By failing to agree on anything substantial today, EU leaders may have set themselves up for an even bigger fall," said Sony Kapoor, managing director of the Re-Define think tank. "They owe it to Europe to pull a rabbit out of the hat now, but this seems to be beyond them."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

China says trade with NKorea has nearly doubled

BEIJING (AP)—China's trade with its close ally North Korea nearly doubled in the first seven months of the year compared with the same period in 2010, state media reported Sunday. The 87 percent increase to $3.1 billion was announced at the start of a visit to the North by Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang that reaffirms strong ties between the communist neighbors. Li said China was hoping for better relations between North and South Korea and a resumption of long-stalled six-nation nuclear disarmament talks.

Japanese exports rise for 2nd month after tsunami

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's exports rose 2.4 percent in September compared with a year earlier, marking the second consecutive month of growth, the Finance Ministry announced Monday. The rise follows a five-month decline in the wake of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami that devastated northeast Japan. The Finance Ministry said the value of September exports totaled 5.98 trillion yen ($78.2 billion), while imports came to 5.68 trillion ($74 billion), up 12 percent.

Apple posts video of Jobs memorial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple is allowing the general public to get a look at a memorial service it held for employees to celebrate the life of co-founder Steve Jobs at its Cupertino headquarters last week. The company posted a link on its website late Sunday to a video of the service, which was held on Wednesday in the center of Apple Inc.'s campus. It runs 81 minutes and is kicked off by CEO Tim Cook, who addresses an overflowing crowd of Apple employees. Apple Inc. has not held any public services for Jobs, who died at age 56 on Oct. 5 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer.

Nation

Hispanic voters: Stick with Obama or go with GOP?

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A year before the 2012 presidential election, Hispanic voters are facing a choice. They can continue to support President Barack Obama despite being hurt disproportionately by the economic downturn or turn to Republicans at a time when many GOP presidential hopefuls have taken a hard line on immigration.

Obama kicks off a three-day trip to Western states trip with a stop Monday in Las Vegas, where he wants to rally support for his jobs agenda in Congress. Nevada has the nation's highest unemployment rate, 13.4 percent.

The trip comes as Republican candidates have taken a more strident tone on immigration.

Businessman Herman Cain recently suggested electrifying a fence along the U.S. border with Mexico to kill illegal immigrants; he later called the remark a joke and apologized. Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann has raised the issue of "anchor babies," or U.S.-born children of illegal immigrants; it's a term that some people find offensive.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry has been criticized by opponents for signing a law allowing some illegal immigrants to get in-state college tuition. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney said most of the jobs created under Perry's watch went to illegal immigrants. Perry lashed into Romney during last week's GOP debate in Las Vegas for hiring a lawn care company that employed illegal immigrants.

Obama won 67 percent of Hispanic voters in 2008 but many of those voters have become disillusioned during the past three years. Unemployment among Hispanics tops 11 percent and many Latinos are losing their homes. Others criticize the number of deportations under Obama's presidency and the lack of progress on a comprehensive immigration plan.

"I am willing to support him, but I would like him to keep his word on all the promises he made," said Marcos Mata, 17, a Las Vegas high school senior who will vote for the first time next year. "Not just on immigration. But I don't know if I see any improvement. The jobs act, it's a good idea but he should have been doing that a long time ago."

Recent Gallup polling showed Obama with a 49 percent job approval rating among Hispanics, compared with about 60 percent in the beginning of 2011. Hispanic voters could prove pivotal next year, especially in fast-growing and contested states such as Florida, New Mexico, Nevada and Colorado.

Obama has said his jobs agenda would help Hispanics in the construction industry and provide tax breaks for small businesses. On immigration, he has targeted violent criminals for deportation and urged Congress to create a pathway to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

Obama also has sought support for legislation that would provide a route to legal status for college students and members of the military brought to the country as children.

Republicans sense an opening and have courted Hispanic voters through Spanish-language radio and television ads, criticizing Obama's handling of the economy.

Falling out of favor

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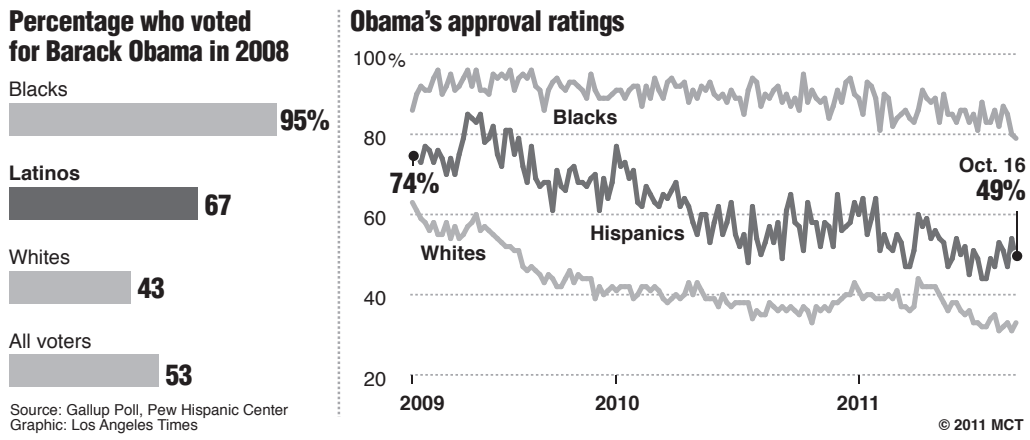
Over the last two years, President Barack Obama's support among Hispanics has slipped. Political analysts say he is vulnerable on the two issues polls show are most important to Hispanics: the economy and immigration.



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In this May 10, 2011, file photo President Barack Obama looks towards Mexico during a stop at the Bridge of America Cargo Facility in El Paso, on a visit to the border to speak about immigration reform.

'Miracle' tornado survivor denied workers' comp

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—By all accounts, Mark Lindquist is a hero, an underpaid social worker who nearly gave his life trying to save three developmentally disabled adults from the Joplin tornado. Both houses of the Missouri legislature honored Lindquist, the Senate resolution calling him "a true hero and inspiration to others."

But heroism doesn't pay the bills. The tornado's 200 mph winds tossed Lindquist nearly a block, broke every rib, obliterated his shoulder, knocked out most of his teeth and put him in a coma for about two months.

Lindquist, 51, ran up medical expenses that exceed $2.5 million, and the bills keep coming. He requires 11 daily prescriptions and will need more surgery.

But he has no medical insurance. Lindquist couldn't afford it on a job paying barely above minimum wage. He assumed workers' compensation would cover his bills, but his claim was denied "based on the fact that there was no greater risk than the general public at the time you were involved in the Joplin tornado," according to a letter to Lindquist from Accident Fund Insurance Company of America, his company's workers' comp provider.

That reasoning has angered Lindquist's family, employer, even lawmakers.

"I think they need to take another look at the circumstances and revisit the claim," state Rep. Bill Lant, R-Joplin, said. "What he did went beyond heroics."

Lindquist watched the skies darken on the evening of May 22 while on his way to the group home occupied by Mark Farmer, Rick Fox and Tripp Miller, three middle-aged men with Down syndrome. Soon after he arrived, a tornado siren began to blare.

Lindquist's employer, Community Support Services, had recently put workers through a tornado drill, so Lindquist and co-worker Ryan Tackett knew what to do. Because there was no basement or shelter and the residents moved too slowly to relocate, Lindquist and Tackett placed mattresses over the men for protection, then climbed atop the mattresses for added weight.

It seemed like little more than a precaution until Lindquist heard the unmistakable roar of the twister. "I told Ryan, `If you've ever prayed before, now is the time to do it,'" he said.

The EF-5 tornado was among the nation's worst ever. It destroyed more than 7,000 homes, including the group home, and killed 162 people.

Among the dead were Farmer, Fox and Miller, a fact that still haunts Lindquist.

"I loved them almost as much as I love my own kid," he said.

Lindquist's survival defies logic. After the storm, rescuers found Lindquist buried in rubble, impaled by a piece of metal. Large chunks of flesh were torn off. Bones from his shoulder crumbled as they placed him on a door used as a makeshift stretcher. He was later delivered to Freeman Hospital.

Religion claims its place in Occupy Wall Street

BOSTON (AP)—Downtown Dewey Square is crammed with tents and tarps of Occupy Boston protesters, but organizers made sure from the start of this weeks-old encampment that there was room for the holy.

No shoes are allowed in the "Sacred Space" tent here, but you can bring just about any faith or spiritual tradition.

A day's schedule finds people balancing their chakras, a "compassion meditation" and a discussion of a biblical passage in Luke. Inside, a Buddha statue sits near a picture of Jesus, while a hand-lettered sign in the corner points toward Mecca.

The tent is one way protesters here and in other cities have taken pains to include a spiritual component in their occupations. Still, Occupy Wall Street is not a religious movement, and signs of spiritually aren't evident at all protest sites.

Clergy emphasize they are participants in the aggressively leaderless movement, not people trying to co-opt it. Plus, in a movement that purports to represent the "99 percent" in society, the prominent religious groups are overwhelmingly liberal.

Religion might not fit into the movement seamlessly, but activist Dan Sieradski, who's helped organize Jewish services and events at Occupy Wall Street, said it must fit somewhere.

"We're a country full of religious people," he said. "Faith communities do need to be present and need to be welcomed in order for this to be an all-encompassing movement that embraces all sectors of society."

Religious imagery and events have been common since the protests began. In New York, clergy carried an Old Testament-style golden calf in the shape of the Wall Street bull to decry the false idol of greed. Sieradski organized a Yom Kippur service. About 70 Muslims kneeled to pray toward Mecca at a prayer service Friday.

A Chicago group, Interfaith Worker Justice, has published an interfaith prayer service guide for occupation protests nationwide.

Clergy who support the protests say they are a natural fit with many faiths, because they share traditional concerns about economic injustice. They also point to history, including the civil rights movement and abolition.

ACROSS THE NATION

Clinton to Iran: Don't misread departure from Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP)—Iran should not misread the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq as affecting the U.S. commitment to the fledgling democracy, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday. President Barack Obama's announcement Friday that all American troops would return from Iraq by the end of the year will close a chapter on U.S.-Iraq relations that began in 2003 with the U.S.-led invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein. Washington has long worried that meddling by Iran, a Shiite Muslim theocracy, could inflame tensions between Iraq's Shiite-led government and its minority Sunnis, setting off a chain reaction of violence and disputes across the Mideast.

Officials: Soldier kills deputy, then self in Ga.

ATLANTA (AP)—A National Guardsman who appeared to be drunk and firing gunshots at passing cars shot and killed a sheriff's deputy, then committed suicide on a Georgia road, authorities said Sunday. Evidence shows Spc. Christopher Michael Hodges, 26, fired 35 rounds from his M4 semiautomatic rifle, Richmond County Sheriff's Capt. Scott Gay said. Hodges and Deputy James D. Paugh, 47, were found dead on the side of Bobby Jones Expressway after 1 a.m. Sunday. Hodges served in the Tennessee National Guard but was on temporary duty at Fort Gordon in eastern Georgia for training, said Buz Yarnell, a spokesman for the military post. Yarnell said he was not aware of any problems with Hodges before the shooting and he would not say if Hodges had previously been deployed in combat.

Hawk found with nail in head recovering in Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A red-tailed hawk that rescuers said was shot in the head with a nail gun was recovering Sunday at a Northern California wildlife center. The hawk, captured in a San Francisco park by rescuers Saturday, was doing "very well" while being cared for at the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley in San Jose, said Rebecca Dmytryk, executive director of the Monterey-based group WildRescue. "The nail dislodged and dropped out during transport with no sign of additional trauma and no bleeding," Dmytryk said.

Asia

US, Filipino marines hold drill near disputed area

SAN ANTONIO, Philippines (AP)—More than 200 U.S. and Filipino marines staged an amphibious assault on a beach in a combat drill Sunday near a South China Sea shoal disputed by China and the Philippines.

U.S. Marine Brig. Gen. Craig Timberlake said the exercise at a sprawling Philippine naval reserve in the coastal town of San Antonio in Zambales province would allow the military allies to operate jointly in a range of scenarios, including responding to disasters.

He refused to discuss whether or not the annual drill, which has been staged for 28 years, was now being held partly to address concerns by Asian countries like the Philippines over China's growing naval power. China has expressed unhappiness in the past over such drills near disputed South China Sea regions.

The Oct. 17-28 military maneuvers involve about 2,000 Marines and 1,000 Filipino counterparts. Both sides have said the exercises were not aimed at China or any country as an imaginary target.

"The long-term objective is to have better inter-operability between the two militaries," Timberlake told The Associated Press, adding the marines have also engaged in disaster relief work and humanitarian missions.

"If you can do those things, then you can branch out and do other things that brings us together," he said.

Under a brutal sun, nine amphibious vessels darted ashore and unloaded American and Filipino marines, who laid on the beach's scorching sand to assess, their assault rifles pointed inland.

They then dashed toward a hill in batches, their movement coordinated through two-way radios and hand signs, then engaged mock enemies in a battle while about 300 Filipino navy students watched from a distance.

Marine Col. Andrew MacMannis said it was an opportunity for the Americans to show their Filipino counterparts advanced U.S. equipment and learn combat skills from each other.

A Filipino participant, 1st Lt. Erwin Borja, said amphibious assaults were also taught in the local marines corps. "The difference is in the equipment, we don't have AAVs," Borja said, referring to the U.S. amphibious assault vehicles used in the mock assault.

The 120,000-strong Philippine military is among Asia's weakest. The Philippines, a U.S. defense treaty partner, is relying on Washington to help modernize its aging naval fleet, which includes many World War II vessels, one of which is among the oldest active warships in the world.

Bangkok governor to city: Prepare for floods, now

BANGKOK (AP)—The governor of Bangkok issued a dramatic late-night warning Sunday to residents of the Thai capital to prepare for floodwaters to roll deeper into the city from suburban areas already choking under the deluge.

In live televised remarks, Governor Sukhumbhand Paribatra said a massive amount of water has moved faster than anticipated and was expected to flood the Don Muang area just north of the city proper—where Bangkok's old airport is located and now being used as headquarters for the anti-flood effort as well as a shelter for evacuees.

He said it would threaten five other districts as well as it barrels toward the city's more developed areas. On the warning list was the Chatuchak district, popular with tourists and locals both for its Weekend Market of handicrafts and myriad other wares.

"Now all indications point to only one conclusion: a critical problem will happen," Sukhumbhand said. He said residents of the six districts should move their belongings to higher ground, and the sick and elderly should be evacuated to shelters set up by the city. There was no indication that the capital's inner city residential and business districts were yet at risk.

Sukhumbhand's warning stood in stark contrast to general reassurances given earlier in the day by the Flood Relief Operations Center of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra's government. It announced that the situation was under control and could be expected to improve.

However, less than an hour after Sukhumbhand's warning, the center's chief, Justice Minister Pracha Promnok, came on the air to read a brief statement saying it would support the city's relief efforts.

Sukhumbhand has consistently issued more pessimistic assessments than the center, and has been in conflict with their plans for flood relief, saying his primary duty is to protect Bangkok's residents. The dispute has a political tinge since he is a prominent member of the opposition Democrat Party, ousted from power by Yingluck just a few months ago.

The anti-flood agency had said earlier Sunday that the threat that floodwaters will inundate Thailand's capital could ease by early November as record-high levels in the river carrying torrents of water downstream from the country's north begin to decline.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Police arrest 2 drivers in Chinese girl's death

BEIJING (AP)—Police formally arrested two drivers suspected of running over a toddler who died a week after she was struck on a busy market street in southern China and was ignored by passers-by, newspapers reported Sunday. The Beijing News and other outlets said Sunday police in the city of Foshan concluded their initial investigation and ordered the two men formally arrested, a step that almost always leads to a trial. It did not say what they were being charged with and calls to Foshan police were unanswered. The death of 2-year-old Wang Yue gained widespread coverage in the Chinese media and prompted soul-searching over declining morality and callousness toward the sufferings of others.

Panetta praises China on Taiwan arms reaction

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—In unusual praise for China, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Sunday that Beijing deserved credit for its relatively mild response to Washington's announcement last month of a $5.8 billion arms sale to Taiwan. He suggested it could create new momentum toward improved U.S.-China ties. China has reacted to past American arms sales to Taiwan by reducing or freezing contacts with the Pentagon. China regards Taiwan as part of its territory and sees U.S. arms sales as undermining its efforts to reunite Taiwan with mainland China. The two sides split amid civil war in 1949.

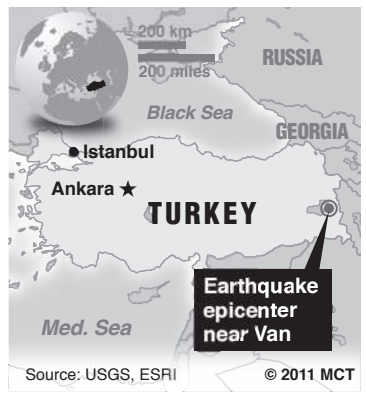
Aussie coast fears rogue shark may have killed 3

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—The sudden death of an American diver in the jaws of a great white shark off Australia's southwest coast has raised the specter of a rogue man-eater preying on a renowned aquatic playground and killing three men in two months. Scientists say three sharks more likely are responsible, and the three cases are sheerly unfortunate encounters with nature. Australia's southwest corner has been better known for whale and dolphin-watching cruises, white sandy beaches, world-class surf breaks and the peppery shiraz of its Margaret River premium wineries than for fatal shark attacks.

World

7.2 quake in Turkey kills 217, collapses buildings

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Rescue teams on Monday sifted through rubble of flattened multistory buildings to try to reach dozens of people believed trapped beneath after a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck eastern Turkey. The Interior Minister said the death toll in the powerful quake has increased to 217.



Hundreds of rescue teams worked throughout the night searching for survivors among dozens of pancaked buildings, as aid groups scrambled to set up tents, field hospitals and kitchens to assist thousands left homeless.

Interior Minister Idris Naim Sahin said about 80 multistory buildings collapsed in the city of Ercis alone when the earthquake struck Sunday. He said some 40 buildings still had people trapped inside, giving rise to fears that the death toll could increase substantially. The minister did not give any estimates.

AP

People rescue a woman trapped under debris after a powerful 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck eastern Turkey, collapsing about 45 buildings in Van province, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011 according to the deputy Turkish prime minister.

"Rescue work is ongoing, especially at buildings where (rescuers) have determined survivors," Sahin said.

The hardest-hit area was Ercis, an eastern city of 75,000 close to the Iranian border and on one of Turkey's most earthquake-prone zones. The bustling city of Van, about 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Ercis, also sustained substantial damage. Highways in the area caved in.

Sahin said 117 were killed in Ercis, another 100 died in Van while some 740 people were injured.

U.S. scientists recorded over 100 aftershocks in eastern Turkey within 10 hours of the quake, including one with a magnitude of 6.0.

Authorities advised people to stay away from damaged homes, warning they could collapse in the aftershocks.

Residents spent the night outdoors and lit campfires, while the Red Crescent began setting up tents in a stadium. Others sought shelter with relatives in nearby villages.

Rescue efforts went deep into the night under generator-powered floodlights. Workers tied steel rods around large concrete slabs in Van, then lifted them with heavy machinery.

Around 1,275 rescue teams from 38 provinces were being sent to the region, officials said, and troops were also assisting search-and-rescue efforts.

Libya declared free, but Gadhafi death questioned

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya's interim rulers declared the country liberated on Sunday after an 8-month civil war, launching the oil-rich nation on what is meant to be a two-year transition to democracy. But they laid out plans with an Islamist tone that could rattle their Western backers.

The joyful ceremony formally marking the end of Moammar Gadhafi's 42-year tyranny was also clouded by mounting pressure from the leaders of the NATO campaign that helped secure victory to investigate whether Gadhafi, dragged wounded but alive out of a drainage ditch last week, was then executed by his captors.

The circumstances of Gadhafi's death remain unclear. In separate accounts late Sunday, two Libyan fighters said Gadhafi was hurt after being captured, but was able to stand. One said that when he and others placed Gadhafi in an ambulance, the former Libyan leader had not yet suffered what Libya's chief pathologist said was a fatal gunshot to the head.

Critics said the gruesome spectacle of his blood-streaked body laid out as a trophy for a third day of public viewing in a commercial freezer tests the new leadership's commitment to the rule of law.

Britain's defense secretary, Philip Hammond, said the Libyan revolutionaries' image had been "a little bit stained" by Gadhafi's violent death. Both he and U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said a full investigation is necessary.

Gadhafi's capture and the fall of his hometown of Sirte, the last loyalist stronghold, set the stage for the long-awaited declaration of liberation, delivered by the head of the National Transitional Council, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil.

He did not mention the circumstances surrounding Gadhafi's death—mobile phone videos showed the wounded leader being taunted and beaten by a mob after his capture. But he urged his people to avoid hatred. "You should only embrace honesty, patience, and mercy," Abdul-Jalil told a flag-waving crowd of several thousand at the declaration ceremony in the eastern city of Benghazi, the birthplace of the uprising against Gadhafi.

Abdul-Jalil laid out a vision for a new Libya with an Islamist tint, saying Islamic Sharia law would be the "basic source" of legislation, and that existing laws that contradict the teachings of Islam would be nullified.

He outlined several changes to align with Islamic law, including putting caps on interest for bank loans and lifting restrictions on the number of wives Libyan men can take. The Muslim holy book, the Quran, allows men up to four wives.

Overdrive

Snappy Sonic another sign of Chevrolet's evolution

By MARK PHELAN
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The 2012 Sonic subcompact is the latest strong entry from Chevrolet.

The Sonic's impressive list of features includes 10 air bags, a spunky and fuel-efficient turbocharged 1.4-liter engine, responsive handling and attractive, contemporary styling.

The car's interior materials and voice recognition for hands-free phone calls need work, but the Sonic has a lot going for it.

Prices for the Sonic start at $13,735 for a sedan with a 138-horsepower 1.8-liter engine and five-speed manual transmission. Hatchbacks start at $14,635 with the same engine and transmission.

Adding a six-speed automatic raises the price to $14,805 for the sedan and $15,705 for the hatch.

All Sonics come with 10 air bags and other safety features including antilock brakes and stability control.

An optional turbocharged 1.4-liter engine and six-speed manual transmission give the Sonic plenty of pep and add 1 m.p.g. to its EPA highway fuel economy rating.

The engine and transmission cost $700 and are available on the Sonic LT and LTZ.

I tested a Sonic LTZ hatchback with the turbocharged engine and six-speed manual. It cost $17,935. All prices exclude destination charges.

The hatchback's exterior design has crisp, sporty lines. The front view is particularly strong, with four large round lights bracketing a bold twin-port grille. The sides are noteworthy for sharp creases over the front fenders and rear-door handles concealed in black trim around the windows.

The passenger compartment has more room than the Fiesta, Accent and Yaris. Headroom is particularly generous. The hatchback offers a useful 19.0 cubic feet of cargo capacity—30.7 with the rear seats folded flat.

The Sonic's gauges are easy to read. Their design appears to be influenced by motorcycles and video games. The stalks, dials and controls feel solid and substantial, but the interior materials are very basic. Just about every surface is covered in hard plastic.

The front seat could use more storage bins. A sunglass holder and a center armrest with storage underneath would be welcome.

The Sonic's voice-recognition system for hands-free phone calls is poor. The sound quality of hands-free calls is quite good, however. Wind and road noise are minimal, even at high speeds and over bumpy surfaces.

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UNDER THE HOOD

Diagnosing lukewarm A/C system

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Q: My air conditioner just went from working great to not at all. It still blows from all the vents but never gets cold. Since it's the end of the season, it's not that big a deal to fix now, but I'm wondering how much this might set me back to fix.—Jason Lungo

A: When an air conditioning system fails to blow cold air, there are three general areas of concern.

First is refrigeration. A/C systems pump refrigerant through a handful of components and connecting hoses to extract heat from the passenger compartment and release it outside. Should a leak develop in one of the components and refrigerant is lost, efficiency will go down until the system shuts itself off. A compressor or control valve fault is also possible, but rare.

Next is a control system or electrical fault. Modern vehicles employ complex strategies for A/C operation. If a vehicle condition is out of limits or irregular, A/C operation may be denied. An example is a faulty power steering pressure switch or switch connection. If the engine control computer thinks the vehicle is turning sharply, the A/C compressor clutch may be ordered to stand down, as the combination of these two accessory loads at the same time can affect idle stability.

In addition, a typical vehicle has perhaps a dozen electrical connections and switches related to compressor clutch operation, and a poor connection in any of them could result in an inoperative compressor, and no cold air

The final category is the HVAC (heating ventilation and air conditioning) network behind the instrument panel. It is possible cold air is being generated by the refrigeration components but is being accidentally mixed with warm air, providing incorrect output. This is rare, but worth considering. How about trying this: Open the hood and stand to one side as a helper starts the engine and then engages and disengages the A/C mode switch several times, pausing a few seconds in between.

If a fairly loud click is heard each time the switch is thrown, this means the compressor clutch is engaging, which infers adequate or better refrigeration operation.

If a click is not heard, shut off the engine and look around the engine compartment for signs of recent wetness—such as a clear, slimy residue—on or near A/C components and hoses. A sudden, large leak would likely expel a noticeable quantity of refrigerant oil, leaving a visual clue. A slow, long term leak, which is more common, typically leaves a dirty area, as refrigerant oil attracts dirt like a magnet.

It's difficult to put a number on repair cost. Your best hope is an easy to find electrical connection fault or hose connection leak. This might be in the $200 to $300 range. A leaking component, failed compressor or HVAC metering problem could be a lot worse.

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Life & Style

Talk show brings out Anderson Cooper's soft-news side

By DAVID HILTBRAND
THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

NEW YORK—Conjure, if you will, a hosting model that is the very antithesis of Oprah.

It would be a man, obviously. Kabuki-complected. Albino white hair. Slender as a matador. Raised in privileged circumstances in Manhattan in a family with old-money ties. Ivy League educated.

We have your man: globe-sprinting CNN reporter and "60 Minutes" contributor Anderson Cooper.

Yet to many people's vast surprise, he's doing a bang-up job of filling the void left by Miss O with his new daytime talk show, Anderson. While continuing all his hard-news duties.

Several questions immediately fling up their hands, clamoring to be answered.

How does this generation's Dan Rather handle the fizzy, showbizzy fare that is part and parcel of the chat format?

Freakishly well. It may surprise you to learn that Cooper is a pop-culture omnivore.

That side of his temperament has emerged only in the last few years.

"I started filling in for Regis (on "Live! with Regis and Kelly"), and I did some things for Oprah," says Cooper, 44. "And I found that I enjoyed the variety of topics, the enthusiasm of the audience, and the fun you could have on a daily basis. I began to show my personality in a less formal setting."

"So many people know him as this champion of people who have no voice," says Kelly Ripa. "When he started hosting with me, we brought out the irreverent side of him."

Cooper's executive producer, Cathy Chermol Schrijver, says, "When we started talking about this show and developing it, anyone who hadn't seen him on 'Regis and Kelly' would say, 'Really? For daytime?' He just didn't seem like the natural choice.

ROB KIM/LANDOV/MCT

CNN news anchor Anderson Cooper attends the 6th Annual Sesame Workshop Benefit Gala in New York City, New York, on Wednesday, May 28, 2008.

"But he's so well-versed on everything, including pop culture. He knows more about 'The Real Housewives' than I think they do."

The other question demanding attention: How in the world does he find time to attend to all his jobs? There's "Anderson" weekdays in syndication, "Anderson Cooper 360º" weeknights on CNN, and a recently increased workload on "60 Minutes" for CBS.

It's a good thing TV doesn't have too many openings on the graveyard shift.

"He has a full plate, obviously," says Hilary Estey McLoughlin, president of Telepictures Productions, which syndicates "Anderson," giving new meaning to the word understatement. "He's been managing it really well. He's got one of the best work ethics I've ever seen."

"It takes incredible discipline," says Chermol Schrijver. "And he has that. If he didn't, this could never work. Ever. He has an unbelievable ability to do this and his news show and packages for '60 Minutes.'

"I asked him, 'When are you going to get that done?' He said, 'I do a lot of the '60 Minutes' on weekends because it involves traveling to other parts of the world.' I was like, 'Oh well, of course. It's only an 18-hour plane ride.'"

All right, Anderson. You can see where this is headed. Are you a workaholic?

"I don't know what that means," he says gruffly. "I don't view what I do as work. It's an extension of the things I'm passionate about and interested in. If I viewed it as work, I don't think I could do it as much as I do."

Just so you know, AC, that's the same rationalization every workaholic trots out.

"I probably am one," he concedes. "But it doesn't feel onerous."

The talk-show format has afforded him a welcome equipoise with the disaster reporting he's famous for.

"The thing I most love about news is going to a story, especially going to a place (where) something significant has happened," he says. "It's not people having theoretical discussions. It's real life.

"In daytime you can do a lot of topics that, while they might not make headlines, they really do resonate with people and impact their lives. That is very satisfying for me, professionally and personally."

As a lifelong New Yorker with distinctive looks that announce themselves from about two blocks away, the bachelor newsman is recognized and hailed everywhere he goes in Manhattan.

"It doesn't bother me," he says. "It seems like a silly thing to complain about. I really don't think of myself as a public person. It doesn't benefit me on my job."

"One of the things about Anderson," says Ripa, "is that he's unintentionally sexy. That's a home run."

Many people find his sex appeal ambiguous.

All right, Anderson. You can see where this is headed. Are you gay or are you straight?

"It's understandable that people are interested," he says, chuckling. "We live in an age when everyone likes to talk about the people they see on television. The Internet certainly contributes to that.

"I understand the curiosity," he continues. "I've always taken the position that my sex life isn't anyone's business. It has nothing to do with how I do my job."

Lang Lang plays hero Liszt with Philly orchestra

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Superstar pianist Lang Lang is celebrating what would've been the 200th birthday of his hero Franz Liszt by playing a concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra that will be broadcast live in movie theaters around the world. But first, he's getting a cheesesteak.

"This is a homecoming for me," he told The Associated Press in an interview before his rehearsal with the orchestra. He first came to Philadelphia in 1997 as a 15-year-old prodigy from provincial China to attend the exclusive Curtis Institute of Music, a few blocks from where he will take the stage at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

Two years later, while still a student going with friends to South Street for his cheesesteak fix, he already was beginning to play sold-out concert halls.

Now 29 and a worldwide sensation, Lang Lang is joining the orchestra and its chief conductor, Charles Dutoit, for three performances of Liszt's famed Piano Concerto No. 1 along with other selections. Saturday's performance will be simulcast in movie theaters in Europe and the U.S. (except for the West Coast, where it will be on tape delay) and it will be shown in theaters again on Monday.

Liszt "was the biggest rock star during that time and he inspired so many people ... to listen to the amazing art he created on the piano. Truly my piano hero," Lang Lang said. "And to do it with Philadelphia Orchestra I think is a great privilege."

His new CD, aptly titled "Liszt, My Piano Hero," is a tribute to the 19th-century composer whose Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 was Lang Lang's first encounter with classical music as a 2-year-old watching a "Tom and Jerry" cartoon on television.

"At that time I have no idea about what is classical music. I only know Tom," he said with a laugh. "So in a way to see such a good pianist—Tom—playing on the piano is really inspiring, and I started playing on my little piano as well."

Liszt inspires him in part because he "made piano into a much bigger instrument in a way that piano sounds like an orchestra, or two orchestras, under his arrangement and his technique."

"In a way he made piano music and performance art," Lang Lang said. "He reunited those two elements into one creativity, which is to play music in a most emotional way."

Lang Lang (pronounced "long long") gets occasional criticism from more conservative classical listeners for his dramatic playing style but to younger fans in his native China and beyond, however, he is idolized like a pop star. His fame and fortune are prompting many parents to start their children in piano lessons, a phenomenon sometimes called the "Lang Lang effect."

He sees that as both an honor and a responsibility.

"We also need to take time also to think about developing programs for kids to really enjoy playing, not feeling it's only hard work which is most often the case," he said. "Kids like music but they hate practice."

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Synopsis
The Three Musketeers ride again in this three-dimensional revamp from Impact Pictures and writer/producer Paul W.S. Anderson (Alien vs. Predator, Resident Evil). Percy Jackson & the Olympians' Logan Lerman toplines as D'Artagnan, the brash young man who bands up with the famed trio (Luke Evans, Matthew Macfadyen, and Ray Stevenson) to fight the corrupt the dreaded Cardinal Richelieu (Christoph Waltz). Mads Mikkelsen and Milla Jovovich co-star in the Summit Entertainment release.

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Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
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Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
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The Paranormal Activity franchise continues with this third outing from Paramount Pictures. Oren Peli and Jason Blum return to produce the highly secretive feature, with Catfish's directing duo of Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman taking on the helming duties.

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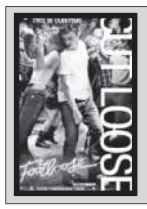
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Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
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Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough
Mucical, Drama • Rated PG 13

The Thing
Friday 4:20 7:20 9:40
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:40
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
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Real Steel
Friday 4:30 7:30 10:00
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon thru Thurs 4:30 7:30
Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
Science fiction/Drama • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
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Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Children's/family • Rated PG

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Families may not be thrilled to learn about threesomes

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest your excellent advice to "Nowhere and Everywhere" (Aug. 17), who asked about letting family members know about her polyamorous relationship. As a counselor, nurse and consulting hypnotist in private practice, I counsel people every day in developing healthy, happy, open relationships. Polyamory and other forms of non-monogamous relationships are becoming more widely practiced and accepted, as many individuals and couples find the limits of traditional marriage do not meet their needs.

It is not realistic to expect family members to immediately accept this lifestyle if they were raised with different beliefs about sexual exclusivity in marriage. I advise couples to "test the waters" first with the most open-minded family member by bringing up the subject of a "friend" who is in an open relationship. If the relative reacts in a neutral or positive way, it may be safe to disclose the truth. Ask this person how the rest of the family might respond to the news. Couples should carefully assess whether their relationship is strong enough to withstand potential rejection.

There is a price to pay for being open, and one for staying secretive. The latter requires lying to family members and excluding one partner from family events, causing pain for everyone. (The cornerstone of polyamorous relationships is HONESTY.)

Families do become more accepting over time if they see that the couple's marriage is not threatened by the polyamory and that everyone seems happy. I advise couples to expect drama and disapproval at first, but to be patient and keep reaching out to family members to give them time to get used to this new situation.

KATHY IN BERKELEY

DEAR KATHY: Thank you for writing. Responses to that controversial letter were passionate and numerous. My newspaper readers comment:

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DEAR ABBY: In response to "N and E's" request for a tip on how to let her boyfriend's conservative family know about their illicit, immoral polyamorous relationship, my advice is to say nothing.

If she's asked directly, only then should she defer to the boyfriend to explain their unorthodox lifestyle to his parents. Why does she feel the need to flaunt her private sexual relations?

If she loves the two men, her actions will speak for themselves without having to offend the family's ingrained sensibilities.

ON HIGHER GROUND IN SALEM, MASS.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been non-monogamously married for many years. My lover joined the household four years ago. Some members of my family welcome all three of us, some don't. One, who doesn't otherwise identify as conservative, has cut me off.

I'm sad that my happy family life offends them, but my household is my primary family unit, and I don't lie or cover it up. Different family styles work for different people. Why is this hard to grasp?

JEAN IN PROVIDENCE

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DEAR ABBY: Human sexuality expresses itself across a vast spectrum. Consenting adults can and do choose this lifestyle, but it's a no-brainer that it strikes a negative chord within our culture.

Why is it necessary to remove the last shred of illusion and comfort from those parents? They may lack the psychological flexibility to accept polyamory. They already know on some inner level what is happening. My closest friends know about my lifestyle, but I am content to not "stir the pot" by forcing it into open conversation.

We don't live in an especially tolerant society. People are slow to embrace anything different from the "norm." If that triad is happy and enjoying life, that should be all that matters.

E.L. IN CALIFORNIA

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DEAR ABBY: Where will she be if she becomes pregnant? A baby would complicate a triad situation. There can be only one biological dad.

Who will play Daddy, and who the uncle? Will each of them really be OK with this then? How confused might the child be? As a mom, I feel for the parents of all involved.

NOT SURE IF I'D WANT TO KNOW

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Will Ferrell wins nation's top humor prize

WASHINGTON (AP)—Will Ferrell, who refined his impersonation of President George W. Bush on "Saturday Night Live" and later took his presidential act to Broadway, was awarded the nation's top humor prize Sunday night.

The TV star went on to make movies and co-found the popular website FunnyorDie.com in a career that won the 44-year-old the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

It was the Bush impression, though, that might have made the Washington crowd laugh - and cringe - the hardest Sunday.

"Washington is not a city much known for its comedy - at least not the intentional kind," said PBS news anchor Gwen Ifill, who mentored Ferrell on his journalistic skills for the movie "Anchorman."

She introduced a clip of Ferrell playing Bush in "You're Welcome, America: A Final Night with George W. Bush" on Broadway. Dressed in a flight suit under a banner that read "Mission Accomplished" in a mock Oval Office he explained how Morocco had sent a special unit of 2,000 trained monkeys to fight terrorism "and make children laugh."

With that kind of comedy, Ferrell had accomplished something amazing, Ifill said.

"He got Democrats to pay and see and applaud George W. Bush," she said.

Conan O'Brien, Jack Black, Matthew Broderick, Ben Stiller and Billie Joe Armstrong from the rock band Green Day performed Sunday in Ferrell's honor, joined by Molly Shannon, Tim Meadows and Andy Samberg from Ferrell's "SNL" days.

The show was taped for broadcast Oct. 31 on PBS stations nationwide.

Black opened the show with a song-and-dance routine for his friend and tried to lead the crowd in chanting "Will, Will, Will, will rock you."

"Will Ferrell, did you notice how I changed it from `We Will Rock You?" he said.

"It's about time he got some official Washington, D.C., props," Black said, noting that Ferrell had "reigned supreme" on "SNL" for seven years. "He's crazy funny. He makes you laugh so hard you cry and pee simultaneously."

O'Brien saluted Ferrell for giving so much of himself to his comedy. He said Ferrell had his sides physically softened and his "buttocks lowered with magnets" to prepare his body for spandex routines and at times streaking naked.

"Will magnifies and celebrates his flaws, just to entertain us," O'Brien said.

O'Brien also thanked Ferrell for being his first guest and his last guest when he was host of NBC's "Tonight Show."

AP

Actor Will Ferrell and his wife, Viveca Paulson, arrive at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, as Ferrell is awarded the nation's top humor prize at the 14th Annual Mark Twain Prize on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, in Washington.

"It's a rare friend who's going to stick with you for five-and-a-half months," he said.

Shannon, who met Ferrell while she was a waitress in Los Angeles, said that contrary to his TV persona, Ferrell is very serious and sweet to work with. As for the award, she joked "Will's agents and manager clearly bought this for him."

Some of Ferrell's famous sketches from "SNL" were played on the big screen, including his "Cow Bell" routine and "Craig the Spartan Cheerleader."

When he was finally awarded the prize, a bronze bust of Twain, Ferrell promptly dropped it on stage and tried to pick up the broken pieces. He joked that he had turned the prize down 13 times before but decided to accept this time because of the prize money (there isn't any) and to be watched on PBS "by hundreds of people across this country."

He thanked the Kennedy Center as "one of the few places that uphold comedy as what it truly is, an art form."

Ferrell is the son of a teacher and Roy Lee Ferrell, a guitarist for the Righteous Brothers. He grew up in Irvine, Calif., went to college at the University of Southern California and got his start in comedy with the Los Angeles improv group, The Groundlings.

That's where he was discovered by "SNL."

Ferrell went on to make some outlandish movies including "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" and "Old School." He has also tried his hand at drama, including this year's independent film "Everything Must Go." One of his upcoming projects is a Spanish-language comedy, "Casa de Mi Padre."

Ferrell told The Associated Press he has tried different avenues as movie studio budgets tightened. He opted for projects with smaller budgets but more creative freedom.

Longtime collaborator Adam McKay and Ferrell also took their comedy to the Internet with the 2007 creation of the popular video website FunnyorDie.com. Since then, it has drawn an audience of millions for its original Web programming.

McKay, a former head writer on "SNL," said it was Ferrell's "Cow Bell" sketch that has always made him laugh the hardest.

Before the show, Ferrell said playing the Bush character is one of his favorite memories for its political laughs, especially when he took the character to Broadway.

"We hit it at the perfect time when people wanted some sort of comedy after the eight years we just went through," he said.

Thirteen other people have won the Mark Twain Prize since 1998, including Tina Fey, Bill Cosby, Steve Martin and Whoopi Goldberg. It recognizes people who have followed the tradition of Samuel Clemens, the writer known as Mark Twain who used social commentary and satire to have an impact on society.

Janet Jackson reschedules shows to be with family

NEW YORK (AP)—Janet Jackson is rescheduling part of her Australian tour so she can support her family during the trial of the doctor accused of involuntary manslaughter in her brother Michael's death.

Dr. Conrad Murray is on trial in Los Angeles. He is accused of being negligent in his care of the superstar, who died in 2009 of an overdose of the anesthetic propofol at age 50.

The prosecution is wrapping up its case this week, and the defense is about to present its case. The Jacksons have been a regular presence at the trial; Janet Jackson was there at the beginning.

"When I planned these shows, the schedule in California was completely different," she said in a Sunday statement to The Associated Press. "After talking with my family last night, I decided we must be together right now. .... This saddens me in so many ways."

The shows for her "Number Ones" tour were scheduled in Melbourne on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday; to make them up, she'll perform one night, on Nov. 3, in Rod Laver Arena. She thanked her fans for their support and understanding.

Jackson also has the support of her promoter.

"It is important that Janet is with her family at this critical point in the hearing. While Janet and our company apologize for any inconvenience for the reschedule of the Melbourne shows, we thank Janet for the great and successful concerts in Perth and Adelaide and eagerly await her return. ... Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet and the entire Jackson family," promoter Paul Dainty said.

'Paranormal 3' scares up record $54M debut

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Paranormal Activity 3" didn't just go bump in the night. It made a ton of noise at the box office with a record-setting, $54 million opening.

The third film in Paramount Pictures' low-budget fright franchise, which was No. 1 at the box office, had the biggest debut ever for a horror movie, according to Sunday studio estimates. It broke the previous record part two set a year ago with $40.7 million. It's also the biggest opening ever for an October release, topping the $50.35 million Paramount's "Jackass 3D" made last year.

"Paranormal Activity 3" is actually a prequel, with the discovery of disturbing home-movie footage from 1988. Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, who made the creepy documentary "Catfish," took over directing duties this time.

Don Harris, Paramount's president of distribution, said the studio hoped part three would simply perform better than part two. The first "Paranormal Activity," with its reported $15,000 budget, became a phenomenon in 2009 through midnight screenings and word of mouth.

Harris believes this installment did so well because it's actually the best movie of the three. He noted that it appealed to an older crowd, with 47 percent over the age of 25 compared to 40 percent for "Paranormal Activity 2." Strong reviews also helped, he said, including a rave from Time magazine. And fundamentally, horror movies simply play better in a packed theater.

"Ultimately, it gets back to why there's still a theatrical business, why people still go to the movies," Harris said. "We want to laugh in a group, we want to be scared in a group, people like to cry in a group in the dark where nobody can see them crying. It's all the reason movie theaters exist and this genre has always been front and center."

1. "**Paranormal Activity 3**," $54 million. ($26 million international.)
2. "**Real Steel**," $11.3 million. ($18.5 million international.)
3. "**Footloose**," $10.85 million.
4. "**The Three Musketeers**," $8.8 million. ($17.1 million international.)
5. "**The Ides of March**," $4.9 million.
6. "**Dolphin Tale**," $4.2 million.
7. "**Moneyball**," $4.05 million.
8. "**Johnny English Reborn**," $3.8 million. ($13.5 million international.)
9. "**The Thing**," $3.1 million.
10. "**50/50**," $2.8 million.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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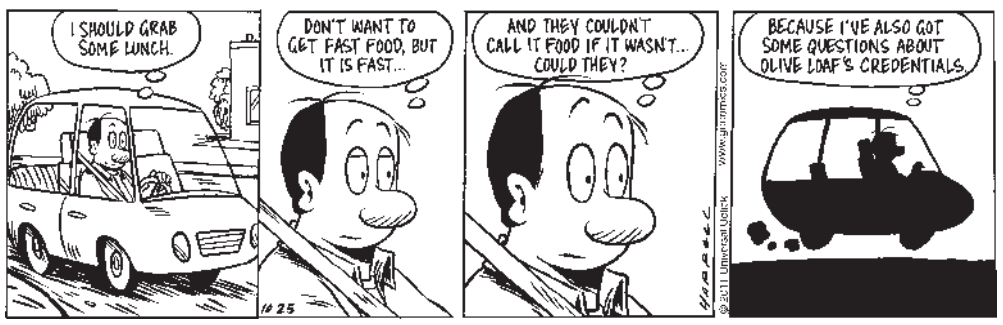
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AND THEY COULDN'T CALL IT FOOD IF IT WASN'T... COULD THEY?
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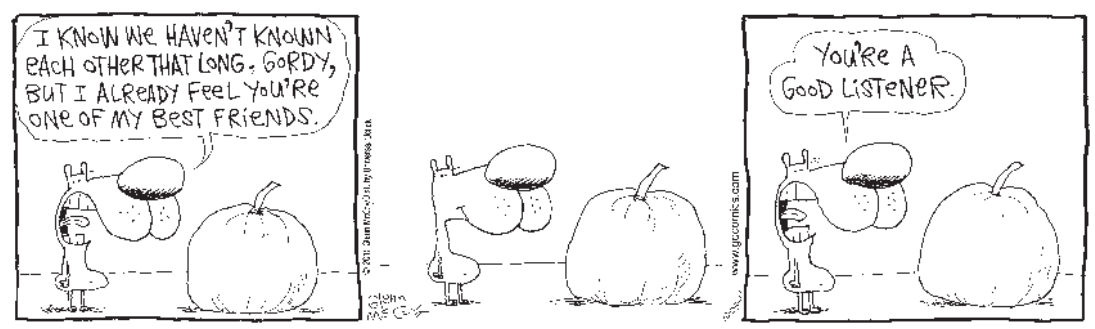
The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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17 Savings plan acronym
18 Person, place or thing
19 "Loves me (not)" determinant
21 Had a home-cooked meal
24 Old woman's home?
25 Coffee vessels
26 Company agent
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49 Camel feature
50 Singer Campbell
51 Sailor's assent
52 Puppies' calls
53 Harvard rival

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1 Lamb's mama
2 Blend
3 Altar affirmative
4 Serena's game
5 From one end to t'other
6 Slowly withdraw (from)
7 Cereal tidbit
8 Sondheim or Colbert
9 Say again
10 Veggie in Creole cooking
11 Transaction
16 Lo-o-ong time
20 Dawn goddess
21 "— Lang Syne"
22 Genealogy chart
23 Count
24 Coaster
26 Lather
27 Citric quaff
28 Verve
29 Hide
31 Lawlessness
34 Exist
35 Vim
37 Thoroughfare (Abbr.)
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Solution time: 21 mins.

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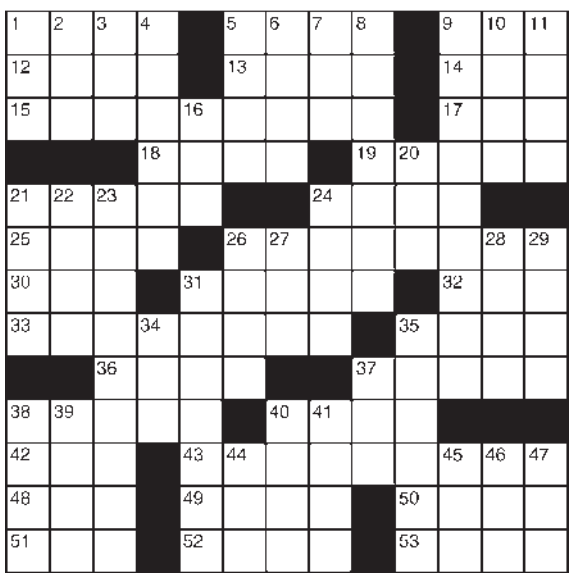
Yesterday's answer 10-25



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ciara, 26; Katy Perry, 27; Zachary Knighton, 33; Nancy Cartwright, 54.

Happy Birthday: Emotional secrets will be hard to keep. You will be faced with difficult decisions. Keep an open mind when dealing with peers, colleagues and those in influential positions. Take your attributes and find an innovative way to market what you have to offer. A partnership will bring about an opportunity you cannot turn down. Your numbers are 8, 12, 20, 22,3 6, 40, 44.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Concentrating on partnerships will help you avoid a misunderstanding. Ask questions if something appears to be dubious. Get involved in something challenging and you will enjoy the success you achieve. A networking function will pay off. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Pay attention to the people you care about most. A personal partnership can turn sour if you are stubborn. An opportunity to get a job or advance where you are currently employed is apparent. Do what is necessary to position yourself for success. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Added discipline will help you get things done at home. A friend or relative in need will offer you something special in return for a problem you help solve. Make a positive change to your looks, your resume or the skills you have to offer. ✪✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You cannot take care of everything all by yourself. Take a break and enjoy your life. Love is on the rise, and socializing or spending time with someone special will ease stress, help you rejuvenate and give you strength to make necessary decisions. ✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): An unexpected emotional situation will lead to a change of plans and a change in your lifestyle. Problems at home must not be allowed to escalate. Don't let old troubles surface, making matters worse. Now is not the time for a rash decision. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Get out and about. Traveling or visiting places you've never been before will open your eyes to new ideas and opportunities. Sharing with someone you love will lead to a stronger relationship. Avoid emotional spending or lending. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Emotional matters will be difficult to control. Take a wait-and-see approach, especially if money is involved. An opportunity will come through an old connection or idea you resurrect. You'll prosper if you offer your assistance. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Structure your time carefully. You want to fit as much in as possible, especially if it pertains to a creative project that can lead to profits. Love is on the rise, and a chance to rekindle the flame should be taken. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Stick to what you know and avoid meddling in the affairs of others. Dealings with institutions, government agencies or banks will be difficult. Avoid arguments or run-ins with authority figures. Travel with caution. Communicate with diplomacy. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Positive action and hard work will bring good results. Don't let an emotional matter cost you financially. A change of scenery will do you good, but it may also cause a change of heart. Consider altering your living arrangements. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): You are capable of doing more than you realize. Don't let an emotional concern cloud your vision or hold you back. An investment or a small business venture will work if you put in the effort. You need to take action now. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Give more thought to ways you can earn extra cash. Set up a workspace at home that will help you manufacture and market a skill or talent you have. Love is highlighted and should be part of your plan for the evening hours. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, strong-willed, intense, determined, insightful and restless.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/25

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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WONDERWORD®

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

DIANE KRUGER **Solution: 7 letters**

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1-Certified Electrician-$5.05/hr., 5yrs. experience. Send resume to Juan A. Gacayan, P.O. Box 505426, Saipan, MP96950.

1-IT Administrative Support - Assoc. degree in computer science, 5 yrs. experience, knowledge in accounting, tax preparation, proficient in PX11 system (API), willing to work on weekends and holidays. Send resume to apexsaipan@yahoo.com.

1-Foreigh Currency Teller/Cashier - High school graduate or equivalent, 2 yrs. experience, computer literate, knowledge in PX11 System (API), willing to work on weekends and holidays. Send resume to apexsaipan@yahoo.com.

Job Vacancy Announcement – Chong's Corp.

One (1) SALES ENGINEER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly

- Sells HVACR mechanical, electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepares estimates on equipment, parts, supplies or services as needed
- Knowledgeable in Building Management System
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans & specifications and prepare shop drawing

One (1) BOOKKEEPER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly

- Prepare tax returns, tax payments & financial reports and verify its accuracy and conformance with Standard Accounting principle
- Monitor daily transactions, prepare journal entries and record into Peachtree Accounting program
- Handle customer billings, collections, cash receipts, payment & payroll
- Knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting program and Microsoft office
- Must have knowledge in air-conditioning equipment and parts ordering system

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION - Salary $5.05 - $8.00/hr

- Install , service and repair of ventilation, central air conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT control systems and electrical/electronic control systems
- Repair and service of chilled water air conditioning system
- EPA Section 608 and R-410A Certification required

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER - Salary $5.05 - $7.00/hr

- Fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes and furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications

- All above must possess good communication skill and minimum 10-year experience required

One (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER - Salary $5.05/hr

- Perform duties to maintain and clean office & private residence in an orderly manner
- Perform basic household chores
- Must be honest, responsible, reliable & efficient at all times and police clearance required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel

P.O. Box 503916 CK, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: (670) 234-7829 Fax: (670) 234-6534
E-Mail : ckbc1@pticom.com

Newspaper Job Announcement

for Qualified U.S. Citizens

Position: 3 Cook
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Culinary Skills, 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standards and good hygiene knowledge.

Position: 1 Chef
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Culinary Skills, 10 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 3 Restaurant Team Leaders
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 2 Waitresses / 2 Waiters
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Experience in a hotel or restaurant with good standard and hygiene knowledge. Good problem solving.

Position: 1 Computer Technician
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Computer Technology. 5 yrs. Work experience in Computer knowledge.

Position: 2 Housekeeping Team Leader
Qualification Requirement:
Ideally with a relevant degree or diploma in Hospitality or Tourism management. 5 yrs. Work expenience as housekeeping assistant with good standard and hygiene knowledge with good problem solving.

Position: 1 General Maintenance
Qualification Requirement:
5 yrs. Expenience in general maintenance job, must know how to do electrical,plumbing, carpentry, building repairs and ground maintenance. Must know how to install, setting up machine and ensure working condition. Worker must have a good and excellent working attitude, responsible and works independently.

Qualifies U.S. Citizens should submit RESUME to Chalan Kanoa Beach Hotel Front Office. Or Call (670) 234-7829 for information

JTV Enterprises, Inc.

is inviting qualified applicants for:

Custodial Worker (1 part-time) – High School Diploma, plus 6 years recent experience doing custodial work or general maintenance work in commercial building. Must be able to perform minor general building maintenance. Must be of excellent physical health to lift and use heavy cleaning equipment and furniture and fixtures. Must have no fear of height to clean building windows. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Caregiver (2 part-time positions) – Minimum of High School Diploma, plus 2 years recent experience providing care to elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities. Must be able to administer bedside or personal care, including personal hygiene assistance. Must be able to prepare and maintain records of client progress, monitor medication intake, and quick to spot progress or changes of elderly and report to responsible party. Duties shall include keeping house and preparing meals for the elderly. Must be patient, loving, and generally concerned of elderly welfare. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Applicants must be of good moral character, be able to work flexible hours, including graveyard shifts, good work ethics, reliable, and stress tolerant. Please submit resume, Police Clearance, and 2 by 2 picture to JTV Enterprises, Inc., As Lito Road, no later than October 26, 2011. Qualified applicants must be able to submit at least two Employment Certifications, including reference of good character.

APPROACH GROUP (CNMI), LLC
Vacancy Announcement

1-Accountant. Salary $5.05 - $12.69/hr 5 years experience in Financial Accounting. Minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Extensive knowledge of United States GAAP. Proficient in Peachtree accounting software. Able to work flexible hours, with own reliable transportation.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement
1 - Construction Supervisor
1 - Carpenter

Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan

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Job Vacancy Announcement
Dive Marianas Corporation

1 General Manager

Must have PADI License. At least 5 years work experience as Dive Shop Manager.

Compensation commensurate experience

Interested Qualified US Workers can e-mail resume to divemarianasinc@gmailcom

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Gana Corporation is looking for:

2-Teachers – Bachelors Degree required
1-Operations Manager – 5 years minimum experience. Knowledge to speak and write Korean language preferred. Can cook Korean food.

Call Jean at 287-4970

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Accountant (2) needed:
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
5 or more years accounting in Christian school Proficiency in Accountrak/School Minder programs

Download application at www.gca-nmi-com and submit at Grace Christian Academy

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Grace Christian Assembly
is looking for:

Accountant (1)
Bachelor's degree in Accounting
5 or more years in Church Accounting
Willing to work on flexible time.

Get application at Grace Christian Assembly, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday.

JVA – 3A's Ground Maintenance

PROJECT COORDINATOR

• High School Graduate
• $5.05/hr

Responsibilities: Prepare working schedule, time sheet, payroll, monthly income statement, quarterly income BGRT and withholding taxes. Prepare Bid schedule and Bid documents, in accordance with scope of works and specifications. Supervise workers; enforce safety practices to ensure OSHA compliance. This position requires knowledge and experience about construction and renovation projects.

Interested applicant send resume to P.O. Box 502302, Saipan, MP 96950

CMLC ARTHA CO., LTD.
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager. Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Salary $1200 - $1800 p/m. 2 years experience as a professional scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

1-Dive Master/Helper. Salary $1000 - $1400 p/m. 2 years experience in scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required. Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1- ADMIN ASSISTANT - 2 or more yrs experienced, making delivery invoice, input barcode in the computer knowledge in korean program, do invoices, delivery, retail. Checking all item in warehouse and at the retail store.

1- SALES REPRESENTATIVE - 2 or more yrs experienced, know how to communicate to different person, memorize all kind of item, do collection. We require sales quota monthly.

1- DELIVERY MAN - 2 or more yrs experienced, do delivery, know all store location here in Saipan, do preparation for upcoming delivery(next day). Knowledge in various item for sale. Do other job such as collection, going to custom office.

SOO POONG SAIPAN CORPORATION
PMB 400 Box 10005, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel# 235-9600

Job Vacancy Announcement

(5) **Mason –** 5 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(2) **Carpenters –** 5 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(1) **Accountant –** 5 years experience/Degree in Accounting & Bookkeeping/Must be computer literate - $ 5.05/hr
(5) **Waitress –** 3 years experience - $ 5.05/hr
(1) **House worker –** 3 years experience

Interested applicant must contact and submit resume to
RPCF, INC
P.O. Box 504549 Saipan, MP 96950
Tel #: 234-9127
email-brian@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Diesel Mechanic – Technical School graduate w/ 5 yrs. experience as diesel mechanic & millwright in power plant

(2) Automotive/Diesel Mechanic – with minimum of 5 yrs. experience

(1) Accountant – Minimum of 5 yrs. experience in general accounting, proficient in various computer softwares: Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook. Must be able to work independently with minimum supervision and has excellent Organizational skills in dealing with financial & numeric data. Must have excellent communication skills.

Contact: PMIC at Tel# 322-6181,
Fax # 322-6180

3A'S POLYSHINE is looking for:

2 UPHOLSTERERS
- Considerable knowledge of the practices, methods, tools, materials, and equipment for upholstering.
- Some knowledge of the occupational hazards of upholstering work and of necessary safety precautions.
- Ability to make upholstery and other repairs to furniture and interiors of vehicles.
- Skill in the selection of upholstery materials and in use and care of upholstery tools and equipment.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

3 TINTER (window film installer)
- Considerable knowledge of the industrial practices of adhesive window films installation.
- Ability to work with varieties of window films and window glass surfaces and must not afraid of heights.
- Ability to work independent with minimum supervision.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

Interested individuals must be willing to undergo practical testing for position qualification. All interested applicants must submit resume before October 10, 2011 at 3A'S PLOYHSINE, Tel: 235-8938 located at Mike's Building, Beach Road, next to Car Quest Auto Parts, CK.

HAFADAI BEACH HOTEL
P.O. BOX 500338 SAIPAN, MP 96950-0338
TEL: (670) 234-6495 to 98 • FAX (670) 237-2529

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: October 25, 2011 **Close Date**: November 3, 2011

Position: (3) Cleaner, Housekeeping
Salary: $5.05 per hour

Job Qualification: High School Graduate. Two Years Experience

For more information you may contact Mr. Juan I Tenorio, Manager for Human Resources Department at (670) 234-6495 ext. 5840/2. Employment application forms are available at Hafadai Beach Hotel, Human Resource Department.

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

SEASIDE MART, INC.

Bookkeeper
- Must have Bachelor degree in Accountancy with 5 yrs experience
- Must have knowledge in Peachtree Accounting Software
- Must adopt to work related demands and flexible hours

Purchasing Manager
- Represent companies in negotiating contracts and formulating policies with suppliers.
- Direct and coordinate activities engaged in buying, selling, and distributing materials and supplies especially Philippine products (i.e. fresh sea foods/dried fish)
- Locate vendors of materials and supplies, and determine product availability and terms of sales
- Prepare and process requisitions and purchase orders for supplies and materials
- Maintain records of goods ordered and received.

For Interested applicants, please email resume at ndcunanan18@yahoo.com
No phone calls please.

Philippine Goods Construction, Inc.
is looking for

1 – GENERAL MANAGER
Salary: $15.00 - $21.00/hr
With 10 yrs experience on office, personnel and engineering operations particularly in construction business. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. At least 5 yrs experience as Civil Engineer. Proficient in AutoCAD and Microsoft Office.

Interested Qualified US Workers must e-mail resume to vphilippinegoods@yahoo.com

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Ocean Club, Inc. - Vacancy Announcement

(1) MANAGER - DIVING: Directs overall operation of business and related matters in diving activities and lodging. Directs and coordinates necessary workflow of a busy training facility. Requirement in management include ability to work in a distracting, fast-paced environment and adapt to changes; must possess excellent client / customer-service and interpersonal communication skills; must maintain meticulous record and files, and be computer literate (i.e. familiar with recent versions of Microsoft office and internet programs); basic understanding for concept of laws and regulations a plus. Requirement in diving instruction include ability to train scuba diving instructor candidates and CPR instructor candidates; teach sports and diving activities to individuals or group s by explaining and demonstrating principle techniques and movement of body , hands or feet to achieve proficiency in activities, explain and demonstrate the use of scuba diving by the standard of N.A.U.I., and guide and accompany them in diving tour, etc. Consulting knowledge and marketing skill for boat building a plus. Must be college graduate with at least 2 yrs. management experience in the diving field required, 5years preferred Must possess Certification (NAUI) as Dive Instructor for community (5-10yrs experience preferred), Specialty trainer (with minimum 2 yrs. experience and as CPR instructor for community First Aid and Safety. Certification as Course Director, a plus. Proficiency in Japanese language (both oral and written) critical. Monday to Saturday, 9:00 am to 6:00pm, semi-monthly salary with housing provided. Interest applicants must submit your resume with supporting certification documents and police clearance via email at cnmi@live.com.

POLARIS DEVELOPMENT CORP. is looking for:

- **CARPENTER (3 positions)** - With background and experience in structural construction, in plumbing & masonry.
- **ALL AROUND BEAUTICIAN (6 positions)** - Must have knowledge in all services provided in a Salon
- **MASSEUSE (3 positions)**
- **BOOK KEEPER (1 position)** - with Bachelor degree in Accounting and with background in financial preparation.

All applicants must have at least 2 years experience and must have excellent knowledge and skills on the category they are applying for.

APPLY IN PERSON AND BRING RESUME

"Any applicant tentatively selected for these positions are required to submit and pass a drug test screening prior to employment."

For more info please call Ms. Jojo Faller at 235-5599, 483-1971 or 285-0019.

WANTED AVON REPRESENTATIVE
and earn up to 20% to 50% commission. Please call Ms. Jojo Faller at 323-4455 or 483-1971.

IMMEDIATE OPENING

STEVEDORE
DIESEL MECHANIC
EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
WELDER
GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
CRANE OPERATOR

APPLY IN PERSON AND BRING RESUME. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

"Any applicant tentatively selected for these positions are required to submit to and pass a drug test screening prior to employment."

SAIPAN STEVEDORE COMPANY, INC.
Port of Saipan

HOFSCHNEIDER ENGINEERING, LLC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

Two (2) Project Managers
Experience: 10 years or more
- Demonstrated ability to apply FHWA/FAA/EPA/IBC/ASTM/AASHTO/ACI design and regulatory requirements as they apply to design and construction projects
- Knowledge of construction methods, scheduling and estimating
- Strong background in project and construction management
- Proficient in MS Office, MS Project, Prolog Manager & Converge

Two (2) Project Engineers
Experience: 7 years or more,
- Demonstrated ability to apply FHWA/FAA/EPA/IBC/ASTM/AASHTO/ACI design and regulatory requirements as they apply to design and construction projects
- Proficient in AutoCad, MS Office MS Project, Prolog Manager & Converge

One (1) AutoCad Operator
Experience:5 years or more
- Proficient in AutoCad, MS Office, Prolog Manager & Converge; candidate must have demonstrated ability to prepare civil and structural drawings with supervision from responsible design staff

One (1) Engineering & Administrative Assistant
Experience: 7 years or more,
- Assist Principal Engineer with scheduling of company resources and ability to prepare balanced schedules utilizing staff resources against company's project portfolio; Self-motivated and able to prepare documents in support of Statement of Qualifications and in response to Request for Proposals
- Assist Principal Engineer with project, contract, & risk management issues by performing quality assurance on projects and contracts
- Assist Office Manager with administrative matters
- Familiarity in accounting procedure and able to assist Company accountant

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer

Interested applicants may submit their resume to Hofschneider Engineering, LLC 2nd Flr. JET Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.
Deadline of Submission: October 26, 2011
No phone calls and walk-in interview

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.

ONE (1) SALES ENGINEER – Salary $1,200.00 - $2,000.00 Monthly
- SALES HVACR MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES WITH REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE AND JUDGEMENT ON PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION
- PREPARE ESTIMATES ON EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES, OR SERVICES AS NEEDED
- KNOWLEDGE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS.
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PREPARE SHOP DRAWING
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC SOFTWARE

FOUR (5) TECHNICIANS – Air Conditioning and Refrigeration – Salary $5.05 - $10.00/Hour.
- INSTALL, SERVICE AND REPAIR OF VENTILLATION, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS
- PERFORM REPAIR AND TROUBLE ANALYSIS OF VAV AND WT CONTROL SYSTEMS AND ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEMS
- REPAIR AND SERVICE CHILLED WATER AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM. EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS
- SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH MANITOWOC ICE MACHINES, TAYLOR ICE CREAM MACHINES, WALKIN REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT A PLUS.
- EPA SECTION 608 AND R-410A CERTIFIED REQUIRED

ONE (2) SHEET METAL WORKER – Salary $5.05 - $7.00/Hour
- FABRICATE, ASSSEMBLE, INSTALL AND REPAIR SHEET METAL PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS DUCTS, CONTROL BOXES, DRAIN PIPES AND AHU CASINGS
- MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH METAL, FIBERGLASS AND KOOLDUCT DUCTING FABRICATION
- SET-UP AND OPERATE FABRICATING MACHINES, RELATED FABRICATION TOOLS AND WELDING EQUIPMENT
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

ONE (1) ACCOUNTANT – Salary $1,200 – $2000.00 Monthly
- PREPARE TAX RETURNS, TAX PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND VERIFY ITS ACCURACY AND CONFORMANCE WITH STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE
- MONITOR DAILY TRANSACTIONS, PREPARE JOURNAL ENTRIES AND RECORD TO WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM
- HANDLE CUSTOMER BILLINGS, COLLECTIONS, AND CASH RECEIPTS, PAYMENT AND PAYROLL
- KKNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM AND MICROSOFT OFFICE

ALL OF THE ABOVE MUST POSSESS GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILL AND A MINIMUM OF 10-YR WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

ONE (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER – Salary $ 5.05/Hour
- PERFORM DUTIES TO MAINTAIN AND CLEAN OFFICE AND PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER
- PERFORM BASIC HOUSEHOLD CHORES
- MUST BE HONEST, RESPONSIBLE, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES AND POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED.

APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED AT JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC's OFFICE AT UNIT 4, G/FLOOR, LIM'S BLDG., COR. BEACH AND MSGR. GUERRERO ROAD, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN OR EMAIL TO: jwssaipan@pticom.com or tonys.jwssaipan@pticom.com

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Farmer (3). Salary: $300 to $400 per month with housing, utilities, food allowance, ground transportation, and workers' compensation insurance provided. Five (5) years experience in fruit, vegetable, and livestock farming required. Must be able to operate farm equipment & machinery.

House Worker – Live-in (2). Salary: CNMI minimum wage. Five (5) years experience in childcare, cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing cloths, and performing other related house worker duties and responsibilities is required.

All applicants must be of good health, good moral character, and must agree to a drug test. High school graduate. Must be able to read, speak and write basic English.

Interested applicants must submit their Bio-Data, Resume, Police Clearance, and other supporting documents to the Saipan Farm & Garden via email at ccsspn@yahoo.com or via fax at 670-233-7342 or send to P.O. Box 503771, Saipan, MP 96950. Closing Date: November 1, 2011

House Worker – Live-in (1). Salary: CNMI minimum wage. Five (5) years experience in cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing cloths, and performing other house worker duties and responsibilities is required.

All applicants must be of good health, good moral character, and must agree to a drug test. High school graduate. Must be able to read, speak and write basic English.

Interested applicants must submit their Bio-Data, Resume, Police Clearance, and other supporting documents to Cornerstone Consulting Services, via email at cornerstone_development@yahoo.com or via fax at 670-233-7342 or send to P.O. Box 503771, Saipan, MP 96950. Closing Date: November 1, 2011

Commercial Space For Rent

4,500 sq. ft. located in San Jose (formerly Wells Fargo)

Call Mr. Jung at 287-1000

REWARD

LOST LONG BLACK 2 FOLD WOMEN'S WALLET

Owner: Jocelyn Rosario Flores
**Important Documents & ID's inside
(NO questions asked)
Pls call 789-4011 or 789-1922 or 235-2255

Job Vacancy Announcement

7 - **Electrician**. Salary $5.25/hour.
1 - **Accounting Clerk**. Salary $5.25/hour.

If interested please call Western Pacific Electric (Micronesia), Inc 433-2108/287-2436.

Hong Ye Trading Company
P.O. Box 502997 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

3-Mason, 4-Carpenters, 1-Electrician
Minimum of 2 to 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-8748.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager - $1000.00/mo.

10-Carpenters, 10-Masons, 7-Dressmakers / Seamstress, 3-Commercial Cleaners
Salary $ 5.05 per hour. 5 years work experience. At least high school graduate and/or college undergraduate.

Email resume to remmp96950@yahoo.com or call 233-6160

Job Vacancy Announcement
Island Essence Inc. is in need of

1 Operations Manager - at least 5 years experience in bridal design, event planning and floral arrangement.
2 Florist - at least 3 years work experience.
1 Dressmaker - at least 3 years work experience.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to Island Essence Inc. at 235-2231

JOBEL CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7773 SVRB Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

1-Teacher and 1- Teacher (Assiant)
Minimum of 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - **Operations Manager**. Salary $1,300/month
1 - **Accountant**. Salary $1150/month
1 - **Disc Jockey**. Salary $5.05-5.35/hour
6 - **Waitress**. Salary $5.05-5.35/hour
4 - **Cook**. Salary $5.05-5.75/hour

If interested please call JC Café at 433-3413

LC CORPORATION, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Manager – Tour Operation.
Salary $1,800.00 p/m.
Minimum 5 years work related experience.
Korean language speaking preferred.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

LDK, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Arcade Attendant
Salary $5.05 p/h.
Minimum 2 years work related experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

LDK, LLC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Carpenters. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Electrician. Salary $5.05 p/h
(1) Commercial Cleaner. Salary $5.05 p/h
2 – 5 years working experience required.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

Li's Limited Corporation
Is looking for
• (1) Computer Technician
Salary $5.05/hr. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office software, good communication skills, willing to work flexible hours, able to repair and diagnose problems of desk computers and laptops.
3 yrs experience required.
Chinese speaking preferred.

Interested applicants, please call Mr. Li at 888-2205 or send resume to liangsmile77@gmail.com

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Liang's Limited Corporation
dba Tang Ji Restaurant
Is looking for
• (1) Receptionist. Salary $5.05/hr.
• (2) Chefs Salary $5.05/hr
Must be healthy and diligent; able to cook Chinese traditional food; able to work flexible hours.

Interested applicants, please call Mr. Li at 888-2205 or send resume to liangsmile77@gmail.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - **General Maintenance/Farmer**. Salary. $5.05/hour
1 - **Cook**. Salary $5.05/hour

If interested please call ET Enterprises at 433-9121.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-CAREGIVER
1-MAINTENANCE REPAIRER

DIONICIO M. LIZAMA
P.O. Box 500641, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel#. 234-2993

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-Commercial Cleaner

If interested send resume and copy of police clearance to

LP CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7763 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel#. 256-1254

Job Vacancy Announcement
Mu Sung Corporation is looking for:

3 - Carpenters	2 - Steelman
3 - Mason1	1 - Electrician
1 - Plumber	1 - Draftsman

Must have at least 2 years work experience
Interested US Workers must fax resume to 235-7742

Vacancy Announcement - US Workers

3 - Masseuse
Minimum of 2 years experience.
$5.05/hour

R & H USA INVESTMENT CORP. LTD.
PMB 264A, P.O. Box 10002, Saipan, MP 96950
Email: tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIAL INCORPORATED
Is Looking For

General Manager (1): Manage the day to day operational company, covering industrial equipment sales and services, repairs and maintenance of power station, industrial and commercial projects, commercial printing, and procurement of equipment and materials. Prepare budget and manpower requirements. Submit bid proposals, covering but not limited, preparation of equipment specifications, estimates, and documents. Deep knowledge of installation, operation, electrical and mechanical repairs and maintenance of equipment and machineries in utilities, power generation, transmission and distribution, and commercial and industrial establishments. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 10 years progressive experience in engineering management. Relevant degree preferred.

Wholesale Parts Salesman (1): Knowledgeable and able to promote & sell hydraulic, pneumatic & power tools & equipment, pumps, motors, measuring instruments & tools, industrial chemicals, oil & lubricants & spare parts for light & heavy equipment. Able to conduct technical presentation and possess skill & knowledge on methods for promoting & selling technical products & services. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 5 years experience on electrical/mechanical parts sales. Relevant degree preferred.

Offset Press Operator (1): Set up operate various types of printing equipment, such as but not limited to, offset, numbering, cutting, and embossing machines. Prepare graphic lay out and plates. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Electrical Technician (3): Set up and utilize electrical diagnostic test equipment and instruments. Analyze and trouble shoot programmable logic controllers, electro mechanical and electronic motor starters and drives. Rewind electric motors, generators, and transformers. Minimum 3 to 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Mechanical Technician (1): Analyze and trouble shoot industrial equipment such as steam boilers, diesel generators, and reverse osmosis, pneumatic, hydraulic systems and related industrial equipment. Perform welding and plumbing works and repair equipment foundation. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Carpenter (1): Install structures or fixtures i.e., cabinets, windows, doors, frames, flooring, trim or hardware using hand or power tools. Able to read and interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Painter (1): apply paint, varnish or another finishes to equipment, buildings or other structures using brushes, spray guns or rollers. Able to prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

HVAC Sheet Metal (1): Fabricate and install HVAC ducts, determine project requirements and scope of works. Able to interpret drawings or written instructions and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Submit application not later than November 4, 2011 at ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC., P.O. Box 503360 Saipan MP 96950 or email at asiapac@pticom.com, or call 235-5454.

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Maintenance
1 - Housekeeper
1 - Hotel Supervisor

Must have at least 3 years work experience in Hotel Business. Willing to work flexible hours.

Interested Qualified US Workers must send resume to usschotelcolt@yahoo.com

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Ran Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1)**General Manager**-Salary $1,750.00 p/m.,
(1)**Teacher**-Salary $5.05/h, (1)**Art Teacher**-Salary $5.05/h,
(1)**Car Washer**-Salary $5.05/h, (2)**Fiberglass Man**-Salary $5.05/h

Must have at least 2-5 yrs work related experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen must submit resume to P.O. Box 505719 Saipan MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement
JMC Iron Works is looking for

1 - Welder
1 - Office Assistant

Must have at least 2 years work experience in Iron Works business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to JMC Iron Works, Chalan Piao

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Saipan City Taxi Association, Inc.

Job Vacancy Annoucement
20 – Taxi Drivers. Salary Rate: $5.05/hr and $1.50 per trip. Must have at least 6 months of taxi driving experience in the CNMI. Must be a holder of a valid CNMI Driver's License, CNMI Taxi Driver's License, and a CNMI Taxi Bureau Identification Card. Current Police Clearance, Traffic Clearance and Traffic History. Willing to work flexible hours.

Interested applicants may send resume to PO Box 7765 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950.
Please send your resume no later than November 1, 2011.

YUTA CORPORATON

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Office Manager. Salary $1,800.00 p/m
(1) Office Supervisor. Salary $900.00 p/m
(1) Accountant. Salary $5.05 p/h
4 – 5 years working experience required.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

Sams' Sons, Inc.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Operation Manager
4-5yrs experience. Salary: $5.05-$6.00/hr

All interested applicants may send resume to ming@pacifictacticalsupply.com

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Vacancy Announcement

(2) Housekeeper
General housekeeping duties.
Salary: $5.05/hour.
3-5 years of experience. Flexible schedule.

Email twentyfirstent@yahoo.com.

SUNNY PLACE, LLC
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager. Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred. Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

■ **Maintenance Electrician**
■ **Maintenance Building Repairer**

Interested qualified US workers may fax, email, or submit in person, a resume and police clearance.
Any applicant selected for these positions are required to take and pass a drug test screening prior to employment at applicant's cost.

Application deadline for the two positions is Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

PACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD.
PO Box 501042, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: 234-7453 / Fax: 234-7996
bern.ito@pacificdaiken.com

SVC INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Pawnshop / Apartment
Job Vacancy Announcement

Manager - $ 5.50/hour
Provide daily and monthly reports. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. Graduate of a 4 yr. degree course. 2 years minimum experience.

Asst. Manager - $ 5.25/hr
Provide sales report. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. 2 years minimum experience.

General Maintenance & repair - $ 5.05/hr
Ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping and electrical wiring.

Email resume to nbudano@yahoo.com

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(1) Maintenance Repairer
Wage range $5.05 per hour

Perform routine preventive maintenance and repair tasks to ensure machines, mechanical equipments, electrical or electronics is in good running conditions and building physical structure condition does not deteriorate. Applicant must be highly skilled in masonry, carpentry and plumbing. High school level or an equivalent of 18 years of continued experience in maintenance and construction related trades. Applicant must be able to keep records of maintenance and repairs works.

All interested applicants must be of good moral character, good health condition and must provide police clearance.

Interested applicants may submit your application to EBETUER SAIPAN CORP. or call Carmen at 234-3124 or 235-1806

TRIPLE "L" CONSTRUCTION, INC.
Is in need of:

1 Asst. Project Manager & 1 Project Coordinator

Should be Engineering graduate,
5 yrs Experience
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YK CORPORATION DBA SUNSHINE LAUNDRY

Industrial Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers (9) - $4.55-$5.05/hour

Operate or tend washing or dry-cleaning machines to wash or dry-clean industrial or household articles, such as cloth garments, suede, leather, furs, blankets, draperies, linens, rugs, and carpets. Includes spotters and dyers of these articles.

Tasks:
- Receives & mark articles for laundry or dry cleaning with identifying code numbers or names, using hand or machine markers.
- Start washers, dry cleaners, driers, or extractors, and turn valves or leers to regulate machine processes and the volume of soap, detergent, water, bleach, starch and other additives.
- Sort and count articles removed from dryers, and fold, wrap, or hang them.
- Examine and sort into lots articles to be cleaned, according to color, fabric, dirt content, and cleaning technique required.
- Load articles into washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to perform loading.
- Mix and add detergents, dyes, bleaches, starches, and other solutions and chemicals to clean, color, dry, or stiffen articles.
- Clean machine filters, and lubricate equipment.
- Remove items from washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to do so.
- Operate extractors and driers, or direct their operation.
- Inspect soiled articles to determine sources of stains, to locate color imperfections, and to identify items requiring special treatment.

Knowledge:
Customer and Personal Service – Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Skills:
Must have at least 2 years work experience in the Laundry Dry Cleaning services that caters to hotels. Must be able to work evening, weekend and holiday.
Operation and Control – controlling operations of equipment or systems. (Washing Machine, Steam Dryer, Folding Machine, etc.

Abilities:
Arm-Hand Steadiness – the ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.
Near Vision – the ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer)
Trunk Strength – the ability to use your abdominal and lower back muscles to support part of the body repeatedly or continuously over time without 'giving out' or fatiguing.

Work Activities:
Getting Information • Performing General Physical Activities • Controlling Machines and Processes • Training and Teaching Others • Handling and Moving Objects • Communicating with Supervisors, Peers or Subordinates • Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Material • Assisting and Caring for Others • Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships • Monitor Processes, Materials, or Surroundings.

Please send resume to Y K Corporation PO Box 502913 CK Saipan, MP 96950

Closing Date: October 31, 2011

MARIANAS STAR CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement
Opening: Oct 25 – Oct. 29, 2011

(1) Project Engineer –
Salary: $1,700.00/month
Holder of a degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Minimum of 5 years experience in the construction business required. Licensed Civil Engineer preferred. Knowledgeable in the preparation and execution of plans and specifications, and preparation of project estimates and schedules.

(1) Accountant – Salary: $5.50/hour
B.S. in Business Administration-Accounting graduate. Minimum of 5 years continuous work experience. Knowledgeable in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and advice and implements system of general accounting including preparation of Financial Statements. Accounts Payable, Receivables, Payroll, Bank Reconciliation, CNMI and Federal tax and other related duties. Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe, Powerpoint, etc.) applications a must Familiarity and knowledge of Peachtree Accounting. Certified Public Accountant preferred.

(3) Carpenters – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience.
Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledge and understanding of blueprints, sketches and plans relative to the work at hand a must.

(1) Electrician – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience.
Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledgeable in the installation, maintenance and repair of electrical or electronic wirings & electrical system installation.

Email to marianas_star@yahoo.com
Fax: 288-7824 • Tel: 234-5577

Tour company Belka Tours is announcing vacancy on 4 positions of Tour Manager with the rate of $5.05 per hour.

Job requirements: Bachelor degree, Knowledge of the Russian tourism market, tour company operations, local hospitality industry and land operations, familiarity with specifics of a diving tourism. Language Skills: Russian - fluent oral and written, English - confident oral and written (preferably E-094 or higher). Communication skills, Computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe Photoshop); 5 years experience in tourism industry; Licenses: driving is a must; scuba diving of any level is a plus. Must be legal to work in the CNMI.

Submit resume via e-mail belkators@pticom.com or fax to 234-6286.

Job Vacancy Announcement

Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing vacancy of 2 Teacher-Instructor positions.

5.05/hr • Medical Insurance • US Social Security

Job responsibilities:
- teaching for scuba diving theory and practical aspects;
- instructing students and experienced divers;
- to perform duties of dive leader (dive guide);
- maintain and repair scuba diving gear;

The Job requirements:
- rating of Certified NAUI Diving Instructor or higher;
- 5 years experience in Scuba Diving Instructing;
- minimum 2000 registered dives;
- knowledge of scuba diving gear, its maintenance and repair;
- knowledge with air compressor machinery and experience in running such machinery;
- knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming;
- knowledge of scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop;
- Knowledge of Russian language (speaking, writing and reading) and familiarity with Technical (diving) Russian terminology is a plus;

Submit resume via fax 234 6286. For inquiries, please call: 493 9616; contact person Oleg Tchernychenko.

UNDERWATER ADVENTURES, LLC.
Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager.
Salary $1800 - $2500 p/m. 2 years management experience.
Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License preferred.
Proficient in English & Japangese (reading, writing, speaking)

1-Scuba Diving Instructor.
Salary $1200 - $1800 p/m. 2 years experience as a professional scuba diving. Professional Scuba Diving Instructor License required.
Reading and writing foreign language preferred.

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Vacancy Announcement

2-Waitress, 2-Bartender, 1-Floor Manager.

Qualifications: With 5 years experience, good communication in English and Japanese and can work with flexible time.

Interested U.S. applicants, please drop resume at Ocean's Club Disco and Bar in Garapan between 7pm to 9pm or email your resume at rei_yamagishi@hotmail.com.

NO phone calls, please. WTT (USA), LLC-PO Box 5353 CHRB

Hilights Beauty Salon
is inviting qualified applicants for:

Hairstylists/Cosmetologists (2 part-time positions) – Minimum of High School Diploma, plus 7 years recent experience in providing all around beauty services to customers from consultation, cutting, coloring, styling, massaging, makeup, hair removal, and nail and skin care services. Must be organized and follow all health and sanitation requirements. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Applicants must be of good moral character, be able to work flexible hours, including graveyard shifts, good work ethics, reliable, and stress tolerant. Please submit resume, Police Clearance, and 2 by 2 picture to Highlights Beauty Salon, JTV Bldg, As Lito Road, no later than October 26, 2011. Qualified applicants must be able to submit at least two Employment Certifications, including reference of good character.

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Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan - Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER
Qualifications: Strong background and experience in Food & Beverage preferably in the hospitality industry. Possess the ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. 10 years work experience required preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct in the preparation and cooking of food and is familiar with the preparation of food costing reports and departmental budget. 10 years work experience is required preferably in the hotel industry. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion including early morning , evenings and/or weekends.

(2) SOUS CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct and participate in the preparation and cooking of food. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. 5 years work experience as a Sous Chef is required and preferably in the hospitality industry.

(3) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience as a Demi-Chef, preferably in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Qualification in kitchen production is an advantage.

(27) COOKS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(22) WAITER/WAITRESS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) F&B ASSISTANT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 8 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Strong organizational skills and able to complete assignments accurately, either independently or as part of a team. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. Good writing skills sufficient to compose and edit a variety of documents using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

(3) PASTRY CHEF
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 5 years work experience in the production of high quality pastry and breads preferable in a hotel and knowledge of Japanese style breads preferred. Basic culinary skills/good hygiene knowledge is essential.

(3) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

(1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience as outlet manager preferably in a hotel. Strong interpersonal and customer-service skills are essential. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(8) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 6 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Minimum 6 years work experience required preferably in a hotel or 8 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant.

(3) A/C REFRIGERATION MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. 3 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel or 5 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) LANDSCAPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to directly supervise and coordinate activities and work schedule of employees engaged in landscaping and grounds keeping activities. Must have 5 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) LANDSCAPING WORKER
Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Horticulture. Must be able to work outdoors exposed to all weather conditions. 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) CARPENTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Performs physical activities such as lifting or moving materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BRICKMASON
Qualifications: Performs brick laying, stone setting, tile setting and cement finishing work. Performs carpentry work incidental to masonry work. Must have 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) PAINTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Ability to move materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. High school graduate or equivalent.

(1) PAINTER SUPERVIOR
Qualification: Minimum 4 years work experience as painter supervisor preferably in a hotel or 6 years work experience in a similar large building complex with central plant. Able to work accurately, with interruptions, to meet deadlines.

(2) STOCK CLERK
Qualifications: Receives, store and issue goods. Takes monthly physical count of stock. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Able to work independently, accurately and handle pressure in meeting strict dead-lines in a fast-paced environment. Requires frequent walking and standing on the job. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays. Minimum 2 years work experience as a stock clerk, preferably in a hotel or similar fast-paced environment. High school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BUS /TRUCK & DIESEL ENGINE MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, buses, and all types of diesel engines. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(3) ELECTRICIANS
Qualifications: Able to service, repair, calibrate, regulate, fine-tune or test machines, devices and equipment that operate primarily on electrical or electronic principles. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) LAUNDRY ATTENDANT
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(23) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential.

(2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 6 years of plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

(1) TAILOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

(4) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service. Minimum 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be able to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing to employees and guests. Requires frequent walking, and lifting. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) ROOMS RESERVATION SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service and 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) MANAGER, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Minimum 5 years work experience as Manager in sales preferably in a hotel. Responsible for developing, establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company.

(1) DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING
Qualifications: 10 years work experience as director of sales preferably in the hotel industry. Will be responsible for increasing market share in existing markets and maximize new market development opportunities. Initiates market research studies and analyze their findings. Prepares sales forecasts and ensures the sale and profitability of products or services and monitors market trends. Duties involve a lot of out of hours activity required. Ability to work in the field on occasion and travel off-island to attend sales meetings as necessary. Ability to speak English and Japanese both oral and written is preferred.

(2) SALES ASSOCIATE
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Able to perform duties with minimal supervision. Must be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holidays and weekends. Requires standing and frequent walking while on duty. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred. Ability to speak two basic foreign language is an asset.

(1) MANAGER, ENGINEERING DEPT.
Qualifications: Minimum 6 years work experience as Manager of engineering department, preferably in a hotel. Responsible to assist the Chief Engineer in ensuring the efficient and economic operation of the engineering department in support of all other operating departments, supplying services as required to the entire operation, and maintaining equipment, building and grounds in optimum condition. Good problem solving, administrative and interpersonal skills are required. Must be able to work "on-call" seven (7) days a week, including holidays.

(1) IT MANAGER
Qualifications: College graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer course. Must have strong background on all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements. Strong communication and interpersonal skills necessary. Management skills and familiarity with hotel business solutions software are essential. Systems analysis and programming is a must. Prior work experience in the hotel industry is preferred. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends including holidays.

(2) ACCOUNTING CLERK
Qualifications: Performs a variety of general clerical/basic accounting duties. Also acts as cash custodian for all cash receipts and ensures immediate deposit of cash the following banking day. Minimum 2 years work experience in a hotel, preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Is able to multi-task and work independently. Strong problem solving skills is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

(1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Must be a college graduate with bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or 3 years work experience within the field. Previous work experience in a hotel preferred. Must have progressive experience in accounts payable operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts receivable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Ensures that accounts are kept on current status. Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferably or 3 years work experience within the field. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations, preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

(1) ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Able to plan, direct, and/or coordinate activities for the facility ensuring enjoyable experience for vacationing families and business travelers. Responsible for ensuring the facility is operating efficiently and profitably. Must be able to solve problems quickly. Initiative, self-discipline and effective communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including holidays.

(1) ASST. ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Assists the Rooms Division Manager in carrying out the company's objectives. Good customer service, organizational and planning skills are essential. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including weekends and holidays.

(1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Qualifications: Supervises the following sections in Finance: General Accounting, Purchasing, Cost Accounting and Income Audit. Primarily responsible for maintaining an efficient and effective accounting system that would respond readily to the needs of internal and external users of financial information. Minimum of 5 years progressive management experience in accounting operations preferably in a hotel. Strong analytical skills and problem solving. Proficient in Accounting Software, SAP R3 FICO system. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under pressure of completing deadlines and willing to work flexible hours.

(1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office application and other software. Must be willing to work on flexible schedule on occasion on weekends.

(1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or a face-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT - APHI
Qualifications: BS in accounting and minimum 5 years progressive experience in finance and accounting management, preferably in the hotel/hospitality industry. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO software and other hotel's front office and POS systems. Is responsible for planning, reviewing and administering accounting systems and procedures. Analyzes the financial information needs of APHI (Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba: Fiesta Saipan, Saipan Grand and Century Hotel), provides advice on financial planning and risk management, and provides management with reports to assist in decision-making. Must have in-depth understanding In-depth understanding of the hotel industry and clear understanding of the integration of various hotel's bookkeeping, accounting and reporting function is highly preferred. Must have clear understanding of internal audits and annual audits. Strong written and verbal communication, interpersonal and customer service skills.

(2) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

(8) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualification: Minimum 2 years work experience as guest relations agent preferably in the hotel industry or a fast-paced environment. Strong customer service and interpersonal skills are essential. Must be able to multi-task. Frequent standing and walking on the job is required. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is a plus.

(1) HOTEL CONCIERGE
Qualifications: Minimum of 4 years working experience as a hotel concierge. Job requires being reliable, responsible and dependable and fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work under pressure. Ability to speak a foreign language is preferred. Ability to work a variable schedule including weekends and holidays. High school graduate or equivalent. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) SUPERVISOR, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Assists the Regional Director of Sales & Marketing in coordinating all local Korean and Japanese sales efforts. Develop and maintain relationships with local Korean tour companies. Ability to effectively communicate and interface with peers as well as executive level management. Requires strong communications skill both oral and written in Korean, Japanese and English. Ability to work well under pressure and is willing to work a variable work schedule on occasion including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 8 years work experience in housekeeping is required, preferably in a hotel. Knowledge in the use of carpet cleaning equipment, floor polishing machines, and light commercial washers. Ability to lift or move equipment/materials weighing up to 30 pounds. Must be able to work a variable schedule including weekends, and holidays. Strong customer service and communication skills.

(4) SPA MASSAGE THERAPIST
Qualifications: Performs professional massage therapy, body treatments and facials and remain current with the industry. Flexibility to work effectively in a changing environment. Ability to adapt to changes in work assignments. Must have the willingness to work evenings, weekends, including holidays. Minimum of 2 years work experience as a masseuse.

(1) SPA SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience in a spa environment. Will be responsible to assist with the efficient running of The Spa outlet in line with the company's goals and objectives in meeting above standard performance. Prior retail experience is an asset. Must have the ability to lift and move up to 25 pounds. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred.

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Position: (9) COOKS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. . Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (1) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: Minimum of 4 years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and Coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel.

Position: (9) WAITER/WAITRESS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (2) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 6 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (2) A/C REFRIGERATION MECHANIC / TECHNICIAN
Qualifications: Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. 3 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel or 5 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) LANDSCAPING WORKER / GARDENER
Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Horticulture. Must be able to work outdoors exposed to all weather conditions. 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (1) PAINTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Ability to move materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) ELECTRICIANS
Qualifications: Able to service, repair, calibrate, regulate, fine-tune or test machines, devices and equipment that operate primarily on electrical or electronic principles. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Minimum 5 years work experience required.
High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (5) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

Position: (3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER / REPAIRER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential.

Position: (1) TAILOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service. Minimum 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be able to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing to employees and guests. Requires frequent walking, and lifting. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system.

Position: (1) ROOMS RESERVATION SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service and 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio System.

Position: (2) SALES ASSOCIATE
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Able to perform duties with minimal supervision. Must be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holidays and weekends. Requires standing and frequent walking while on duty. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred. Ability to speak two basic foreign language is an asset.

Position: (6) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

Position: (1) IT TECHNICAL SUPPORT MANAGER
Qualifications: College graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer course and at least 3 years work experience. Must have strong background on all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements. Strong communication and interpersonal skills necessary. Management skills and familiarity with hotel business solutions software are essential. Systems analysis and programming is a must. Prior work experience in the hotel industry is preferred. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends including holidays.

Position: (1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure. Also responsible in handling of company general funds, supervising of employees in the sales associate and must be knowledgeable with purchasing procedures by having alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments and/or changes in priorities. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to, F&B, Dry Goods and HK cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Qualifications: Associate's Degree with a minimum of 5 years experience in providing administrative support services to all Department such as Accounting Office, Engineering Department, Executive Office, Kitchen Department and Human Resources Office. Must be good at written and oral communication. Must be computer literate with experience in HR2 and time logging system programs including Excel, Power Point, Words, etc. and HR functions. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Position: (1) HOTEL RESORT OPERATION MANAGER
Qualifications: College degree graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience in hotel management. Plan, direct or coordinate activities of an organization or department that provides lodging and other accommodations. Also, responsible for developing, establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company and also has the ability to speak, read and write in a foreign language preferably in Japanese. Must have knowledge in Front Office Operation, Sales and Marketing strategies, Housekeeping operation and other hotel operations. Also, takes full responsibility of the entire hotel operation in the absence of the General Manager.

Position: (1) LIFEGUARD (PART TIME)
Qualifications: High school graduate with at least a year experience as a lifeguard. Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Rescues swimmers in dangers of drowning and administers first aid. Maintains order in swimming areas. Inspects facilities for cleanliness. May clean and refill swimming pool. May determine chlorine content and pH value of water using water testing kit. May conduct or officiate swimming meets. May give swimming instructions. Other related job as required.

Position: (1) PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Qualifications: College graduate with at least 2 years experience. Must coordinate activities of hotel functions through the reservation packages. Confers with front office staff to verify room rates and promotional packages by analyzing competitive market prices. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system.

Position: (1) POOL ATTENDANT
Qualifications: High school graduate with at least a year experience as a pool attendant. Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Maintains order in swimming areas. Inspects facilities for cleanliness. May clean and refill swimming pool. May determine chlorine content and pH value of water using water testing kit and must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Other related job as required.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 2 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

Position: (2) ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Minimum 6 years work experience required preferably in a hotel or 8 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be able to work under pressure and meet deadlines including trouble shooting.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's Backside.
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Qualifications: High School Graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 8 yrs experience working with a cold storage facility. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigerating systems. Must be able to install and repair office and vehicle air conditioning. Must be EPA certified technician type universal.

FLEET MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 7 yrs experience in maintenance, problem diagnosis, repair, and overhaul of light trucks as well as automobiles, vans and forklifts. Must have mechanical knowledge of gas and diesel engine including overhauling. Must be knowledgeable about safety standards. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's medical fitness certificate.

AUTO BODY REPAIRER (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years experience in auto and truck body repair. Must be knowledgeable in using power tools and welding machines.

PROGRAMMER ANALYST (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience in Computer programming, networking, CCTV system. Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures. Must be proficient in Windows, Citrix, Foxpro, and WIS software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE (5)
Qualifications: High school graduate or an Associate degree holder. Minimum 5 yrs experience in wholesale sales of frozen, chilled and dry food items. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are an advantage. Proficiency in Chinese and Korean language a plus. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license.

SALES SUPERVISOR (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business, Sales or Marketing. Minimum 8 yrs experience in wholesale & distribution of frozen, chill & dry food items. Extensive product knowledge of frozen food items and fresh produce items required. Must have extensive contact in various industries. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (6)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in general accounting in a wholesale company. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in receivables, payables, shipments documentation, inventory control, costing, billing, and invoicing Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, INVENTORY (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in inventory management and control. Knowledge of and experience in handling frozen food items. Must know USDA inspection rules. Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTANT (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Minimum 8 years work-related experience in general accounting in the wholesale industry. Must be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reports. Must be able to prepare payroll and monthly, quarterly and annual tax returns. Must know CNMI & Federal tax rules. Must be proficient in MS Word and Excel, WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

WAREHOUSE WORKER (8)
Qualifications: High school graduate a plus. Minimum 3 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must posses a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must be able to do strenuous work such as unloading container vans, stacking, lifting, carrying, and moving heavy items. Must be able to lift and move 50 lbs frequently and up to 80 lbs occasionally.

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate. Minimum 7 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have extensive product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must possess a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

DELIVERY DRIVER (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate. Minimum 3 years experience as a wholesale delivery driver delivering frozen, chilled and dry-goods products. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have a valid CNMI Drivers' fitness medical certificate. Must have a valid Food Handler's certificate. Proficient in driving right-hand drive trucks.

MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 5 years experience in maintenance and repair of buildings (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, mechanical, etc.), equipments and machineries. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

HOUSEKEEPER, COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience. Must be able to clean office and residence efficiently. Must be to monitor daily medications, prepare meals and do laundry for senior citizen. Dependable attendance, hardworking and follows directions well. Honest and trustworthy. Must be able to work early mornings, late nights and weekends. Current police and court clearance required.

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Interested applicants must fill up application forms at:
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Rem Center, Gualo Rai, Saipan

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Holland tops Pujols, Cards; Texas ties Series at 2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—So close to a World Series shutout, Derek Holland did everything he could, trying to convince Texas manager Ron Washington to let him finish.

There they stood on the mound, two outs to go in the ninth inning, the pitcher pleading his case as the crowd chanted his name.

"He was begging," Washington said. Or, as Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler described it: "A lot of profanity, we sounded like sailors out there."

Washington listened, then signaled for closer Neftali Feliz. Holland had done his job in Game 4, and then some. He had kept Albert Pujols in the ballpark and the Rangers in this Series.

In a title matchup that's getting more interesting with every game, Holland put the emphasis back on pitching. Given a pep talk by Washington minutes before the game, Holland threw two-hit ball for 8 1-3 innings to beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-0 on Sunday night and even things at 2-all.

Holland struck out seven, walked two and never was in trouble against a team that erupted for 16 runs the previous night. He came within two outs of pitching the first complete-game shutout in the World Series since Josh Beckett's gem for Florida to clinch the 2003 title at Yankee Stadium.

"I was very focused. I knew this was a big game for us," said Holland, who was 16-5 with 3.95 ERA and four shutouts in the regular season. "I had to step up and make sure I was prepared."

Hobbled Josh Hamilton put Texas ahead with an RBI double in the first inning. Then Mike Napoli broke it open with a three-run homer in the sixth that set off a hearty high-five in the front row between team president Nolan Ryan and former President George W. Bush.

And just like that, for the first time since 2003, the World Series stood at two games apiece. Now the whole season is down to a best of three, with the outcome to be decided back at Busch Stadium.

Game 5 is Monday night at Rangers Ballpark. It's a rematch of the opener, when Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter topped C.J. Wilson.

A day after Pujols produced arguably the greatest hitting show in postseason history, tying Series records with three home runs, six RBIs and five hits during the Cardinals' romp, Holland emerged as the unlikely star.

Holland got a big cheer when he took the mound in the ninth and was still throwing 96 mph. After he walked Rafael Furcal with one out, Washington strolled to the mound.

"I was begging to stay out there," Holland said. "I said, 'I'll give it everything I've got. I can get the double play.'

"When I came off the field my arm hair was sticking up—not like I have much."

Holland tipped his cap and waved to the fans as he walked off. His outing was the longest scoreless appearance by an AL starter in the Series since Andy Pettitte also went 8 1-3 at Atlanta in 1996.

Feliz took over and closed. He walked Allen Craig, then retired Pujols on a fly ball and struck out Matt Holliday to end it.

Pujols finished 0 for 4 and hit the ball out of the infield only once.

"I wanted him to see my 'A' game," Holland said.

Said Cardinals manager Tony La Russa: "Well, I would just say he worked us over. Give him credit."

"Good pitching is always going to stop good hitting," he said.

Holland was in tune all evening with Napoli, his pal and catcher. Much better than the battery for the pregame ceremony—Bush tossed a wild pitch that glanced off the catcher's mitt Ryan wore.

"I should've gone with the regular glove," Ryan said with a chuckle.

The bounce-back Rangers managed to avoid consecutive losses for the first time since Aug. 23-25, a streak that's kept them out of trouble in the postseason.

The Rangers also completed a Sunday sweep in the matchup of teams from St. Louis and the Dallas area. Earlier in the afternoon, the Cowboys beat the Rams 34-7 right across the parking lots. Hamilton and Lance Berkman served as honorary captains for the pregame coin toss, wearing their baseball uniforms.

Many fans might remember Holland from last year's World Series. He's the reliever who came in against San Francisco, walked his first three batters and promptly got pulled.

Maybe that guy was an impostor. Because this 25-year-old lefty with the sorry little mustache was completely poised, with pinpoint control. Perhaps it was the talk he got from Washington near the dugout shortly before taking the mound.

Washington put both hands on Holland's shoulders and talked to him tenderly, like a dad about to send his teenage son off to college. Holland kept nodding, and Washington finished up with a playful pat to Holland's cheek.

"It was just a general message that he's capable of going out there and keeping us in the ballgame. That's all it was," Washington said. "I talk with Derek like that all the time, it just happened to catch me on TV."

Added Holland: "He shows that he cares about all his players, and he definitely showed that when he talked to me."

After that, Holland was in total command in his first Series start, and improved to 3-0 lifetime in the postseason. The only hits he allowed were by Berkman: a double in the second and a single in the fifth. Holland got even later, getting Berkman to look at a strike three that left the St. Louis star discussing the call with plate umpire Ron Kulpa.

Cardinals starter Edwin Jackson kept his team close despite a wild night. He walked seven, and eventually they caught up with him.

It was 1-0 when La Russa yanked Jackson after two one-out walks in the sixth and signaled for reliever Mitchell Boggs. Napoli was up, and the sellout crowd chanted his name as he stepped into the batter's box.

Boggs stayed in the stretch for an extra beat while Furcal ducked behind Nelson Cruz from shortstop. When Boggs finally threw a 95 mph fastball with his first pitch, Napoli whacked it.

Napoli stood at the plate for a moment as the ball sailed deep, just inside the left field line. Boggs could only contort his body, seeing the game get out of hand.

Hamilton forced the Cardinals to play catch-up for the first time in a while. St. Louis had scored first in 10 straight postseason games, one shy of the record set by Detroit during a span from 1972-84.

Elvis Andrus singled with one out in the Texas first and sped home when Hamilton doubled into the right field corner. The reigning AL MVP has been slowed by a strained groin, part of the reason he hasn't homered in 57 at-bats this postseason.

AP

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Derek Holland throws during the first inning of Game 4 of baseball's World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, in Arlington, Texas.

Wild night for Jackson as Cardinals lose, 4-0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—For Edwin Jackson, the mound in Texas really was the wild, wild West.

Jackson walked seven—the most in a World Series game in 14 years—and Mike Napoli followed the last two free passes with a three-run homer on reliever Mitchell Boggs' first pitch to give the Rangers and Derek Holland a 4-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday night.

"It's just a matter of time before they catch up with you," Jackson said.

Instead of sending Chris Carpenter to the mound against C.J. Wilson on Monday night with a chance to clinch their 11th title, the Cardinals find themselves in the first World Series since 2003 that's tied at two games apiece. That ensures a return to Busch Stadium for Game 6 on Wednesday.

"If you want to choose somebody from the St. Louis Cardinals to pitch that game, it's Chris," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "We love playing behind him because we know he's going to compete as hard as he can. He's got a lot to compete with."

A night after piling up 16 runs and 15 hits, the Cardinals had two hits—their fewest in the Series since Boston's Jim Lonborg one-hit them in Game 2 in 1967. Holland pitched 8 1-3 innings and Neftali Feliz finished the 19th Series two-hitter, sending the Cardinals to the biggest Series one-game drop in runs since the 1936 Yankees beat the Giants 18-4 in Game 2 at the Polo Grounds, then won 2-1 at Yankee Stadium the next day.

"It was just a great performance," said Lance Berkman, who singled and doubled for both St. Louis hits. "That's why they say momentum is only as good as the next day's starting pitcher."

A night after tying World Series records with three home runs, five hits and six RBIs, Albert Pujols was 0 for 4—batting with no one on base his first three times up, then flying out against Feliz with two on for the second out in the ninth.

"I thought he put a nice stroke on the ball with Feliz. He hits that ball in the gap, we might have some fun," La Russa said. "They worked us over. Nobody centered the ball except Lance."

Berkman went 2 for 3 and improved to 7 for 15 (.467) in this World Series and 12 for 28 (.429) overall in Series play, including his appearance for Houston in 2005.

Jackson has had a wild streak throughout his career. He walked eight in his third major league start, at San Francisco in 2003. He then matched that on June 25 last year, when he finished one shy of the record for walks in a no-hitter as he pitched Arizona over Tampa Bay 1-0.

Hits weren't much of a problem. Jackson allowed three in 5 1-3 innings—including none after the second. He went to three-ball counts on four of his first 10 batters with the help of some long outs—four flyouts at or just in front of the warning track. He threw just 59 of 109 pitches for strikes.

"I thought he pitched really well," La Russa said. "He missed a few times, walked a couple guys, but he kept making pitches. Overall I give him a huge plus for keeping us in the game."

The seven walks were three shy of the Series record, set by the New York Yankees' Bill Bevens in Game 4 in 1947 against the Brooklyn Dodgers. No one had walked seven in the Series since Florida's Livan Hernandez had eight in Game 5 in 1997 against Cleveland.

Jackson said he felt squeezed by plate umpire Ron Kulpa.

"When you're all over the place, you can't always expect to get close pitches," Jackson said.

Berkman also said the strike zone helped Holland at times.

"Especially early, he got some borderline pitches, though. If they go the other way, it might make a difference," Berkman said. "But you don't want to take anything away from the job that he did. Just a great pitching performance."

Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre made a leaping catch on Rafael Furcal's liner to start the game. It turned out to be that kind of night for the Cardinals.

Texas, which has not lost consecutive games since Aug. 23-25 against Boston, was ahead after 10 pitches from Jackson. That ended the Cardinals' streak of scoring first in 10 straight postseason games, one short of the record set by Detroit from 1972-84.

Elvis Andrus singled sharply to left with one out and Josh Hamilton, just 1 for 12 (.083) coming in, doubled down the right field line.

Mitch Moreland, inserted at first base after Napoli's struggles on Saturday, wound up helping to save a run in the second. Berkman doubled to the right-center gap with one out and, after David Freese struck out, Yadier Molina hit a grounder off the front of the mound. Second baseman Ian Kinsler ranged to the shortstop side of the bag, gloved the ball and made an off-balance throw to first, where Moreland scooped it.

With his pitch count climbing, Jackson walked Nelson Cruz and David Murphy with one out in the sixth. Napoli greeted Boggs by sending a 95 mph fastball just inside the left-field foul pole, about 10 rows deep.

"I think he was ready to hit. I was aggressive, trying to go right at him, and one ran in on him," Boggs said. "I left it up and he was able to get out in front of it."

Tebow rallies Denver to OT win over Miami

MIAMI (AP)—Tim Tebow rallied the Broncos for two touchdowns in the final 2:44 of the fourth quarter to force overtime before Matt Prater's 52-yard field goal gave Denver an improbable 18-15 victory Sunday over the stunned Miami Dolphins.

The Broncos appeared beaten when they trailed 15-0 with 5:23 left and took over at their 20. At that point Tebow was 4 for 14 for 40 yards.

But he threw two TD passes sandwiched around a successful onside kick, and scored a 2-point conversion standing up with 17 seconds left to tie the game.

Bears 24, Bucs 18

In Wembley, England, Matt Forte ran for 145 yards and a touchdown as Chicago held on at Wembley Stadium.

Jay Cutler threw for 226 yards and a touchdown and the Bears (4-3) intercepted Josh Freeman four times to win their second game in a row.

The Buccaneers (4-3) lost for the second time in three years in London.

Panthers 33, Redskins 20

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Cam Newton ran for one touchdown and threw for another in the second half to help Carolina.

Jonathan Stewart also ran for a third-quarter touchdown for the Panthers (2-5), who for the first time all year found themselves playing with the lead almost the entire way.

Chiefs 28, Raiders 0

In Oakland, California, Kendrick Lewis and Brandon Flowers returned interceptions for touchdowns and Kansas City took advantage of rusty quarterback play from Kyle Boller and Carson Palmer.

Boller became the first Raiders quarterback in 13 years to throw three interceptions in the first half, including Lewis' 59-yard score on the first drive of the game for Oakland (4-3). Palmer relieved in the second half and threw three more interceptions, including one that Flowers returned 58 yards to give the Chiefs a 28-0 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Packers 33, Vikings 27

In Minneapolis, Aaron Rodgers kept Green Bay unbeaten with three touchdowns and 335 yards passing, holding off plucky Christian Ponder in the rookie's first start.

Rodgers finished 24 for 30, another near-unstoppable afternoon for him. Ponder was picked off twice in the third quarter by Charles Woodson, who almost grabbed a couple more, but he kept the Vikings in it the whole game after a 71-yard completion on his first play.

Cowboys 34, Rams 7

In Arlington, Texas, DeMarco Murray ran for a franchise-record 253 yards, including a 91-yard touchdown that's the second-longest in club history, to lead Dallas.

In the start of a football-baseball doubleheader between teams from Dallas-Fort Worth and St. Louis, the Cowboys (3-3) emphatically ended their stretch of 11 straight games decided by four points or less.

Saints 62, Colts 7

In New Orleans, Drew Brees completed 31 of 35 passes for 325 yards and five touchdowns, and the Saints set a franchise record for points and victory margin against the hapless Colts.

For the first time as a head coach, Sean Payton spent the game up in the coaches' booth, where he could sit comfortably with his broken left leg propped up. He had to like what he saw from his new vantage point.

AP

Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow celebrates a 2-point conversion during the second half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, in Miami.

Steelers 32, Cardinals 20

In Glendale, Arizona, Ben Roethlisberger threw 95 yards to Mike Wallace for the longest pass play in Steelers history and Pittsburgh handed Arizona its fifth consecutive loss.

Roethlisberger, 26 of 39 for 361 yards, also had TD passes of 12 yards to Heath Miller and 4 yards to Emmanuel Sanders in the first game between the teams since Pittsburgh's 27-23 thriller over the Cardinals in the 2009 Super Bowl.

Browns 6, Seahawks 3

In Cleveland, Phil Dawson converted two field goals over 50 yards and had two others blocked, but it was enough for Cleveland.

Seattle came in missing starting quarterback Tarvaris Jackson and lost running back Marshawn Lynch to a back injury during pregame warmups.

Jets 27, Chargers 21

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Plaxico Burress caught three touchdown passes, including the go-ahead score that was set up by an interception by Darrelle Revis, and the Jets stormed back for the win.

Leading 21-17, the Chargers (4-2) appeared to be driving for a possible game-sealing score when Philip Rivers threw toward Vincent Jackson. The ball tipped off the receiver's hands and right to Revis, who returned the interception 64 yards to the Chargers 19.

Texans 41, Titans 7

In Nashville, Tennessee, Arian Foster ran for 115 yards and two touchdowns and added 119 more receiving with a 78-yard TD as Houston moved back into first place in the AFC South.

The Texans (4-3) snapped a two-game skid even with Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson missing his third straight game and fullback James Casey his second due to injuries. Matt Schaub threw for 296 yards and two TDs.

Falcons 23, Lions 16

In Detroit, Matt Ryan ran and threw for touchdowns to give Atlanta a double-digit lead in the first half, and the Falcons held on for the win.

On Detroit's final drive, a pass-interference penalty against Atlanta was overturned because instant replay showed defensive tackle Corey Peters had tipped the ball. Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford appeared to injure his right ankle on the play.

He then throw incomplete on fourth down from the Atlanta 41 and limped off the field.

Donald charges to stunning win at Disney

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP)—Under the greatest pressure, Luke Donald delivered his finest performance.

Donald felt his only chance to capture the PGA Tour money title—and state a clear case as player of the year—was to win at Disney in the final tournament of the year.

"It was do or die," Donald said.

That's what made his victory Sunday in the Children's Miracle Network Classic his most gratifying win of the year. Five shots behind going into the final round, and still four shots out of the lead with nine holes to play, Donald left little doubt who was No. 1—in the world ranking, and now on the PGA Tour.

Donald ran off six straight birdies to blow past Webb Simpson on the leaderboard and on the money list, closing with an 8-under 64 for a two-shot victory over Justin Leonard that makes him a clear favorite for PGA Tour player of the year.

"I told you guys on Wednesday that the goal was to win. Nothing was really going to be good enough other than that," Donald said. "I think this is probably one of the most satisfying wins of my career just because of that.

"It's just knowing that I had to do it, and being able to do it ... it's very, very special."

Not only was Donald four shots out of the lead at the turn, he was two shots behind Simpson, who had a $363,029 lead on the money list. His caddie for the week, Gareth Lord, had sent Donald a text Saturday night to say that "it's not over yet."

Donald's timing could not have been better. He holed four straight birdie putts inside 8 feet, took the lead with an 18-foot birdie on the par-5 14th hole, then sealed his stunning rally with a 45-foot birdie on the 15th hole.

"We gave ourselves a chance," said Simpson, who shot 69 and tied for sixth. "The fact is, playing against the best player in the world, he's going to do something great like that most of the time, and he did. Made six birdies in a row. Tough to compete against."

Donald won for the second time this year on tour, as many as anyone else. He also won the Vardon Trophy for the lowest adjusted scoring average. He finished in the top 10 in 74 percent of his starts.

And now, he has his first PGA Tour money title with $6.68 million—along with a seven-figure bonus from sponsor Ralph Lauren.

The PGA Tour player of the year award is a vote of the players, and ballots go out next week. Simpson had been considered a front-runner going into the week, mainly because he was leading the money list.

Donald, who finished at 17-under 271 and earned $846,000, was asked to make a case for someone other than him.

"Not sure I could at the moment," he said. "I think I've answered everyone's questions. Coming into this week, I felt like Webb was probably the favorite, based on he was ahead of me on the money list and he was ahead of me in wins this year. Obviously, I've drawn level on wins and I've gotten ahead on money.

"Feels like I've answered all the questions thrown at me."

Simpson wasn't quite sure.

"I don't know yet," Simpson said, who won twice and was No. 2 on the money list and the FedEx Cup. "I think I've played great. Luke has played great. Couple other guys have played well. Still probably up in the air a little bit. But I'm sure I'll vote for myself."

Donald also kept alive his bid to become the first player to win the money title on the PGA Tour and European Tour in the same season. His lead in Europe is just over $1.8 million over Rory McIlroy with five tournaments remaining.

Leonard finished with eight pars for a 71. He already is exempt for next year, but kept alive his streak of never finishing out of the top 125 on the money list since joining the tour in 1994.

Tom Pernice Jr., a 52-year-old who refuses to give up on playing with guys half his age, closed with a 69 for a three-way tie for third, earning enough money to finish at No. 121 and earn back his PGA Tour card.

There were plenty of twists and turns at the bottom of the money list, as players were grinding to finish in the top 125 to have full status on tour next year.

Bobby Gates missed a 6-foot putt on the final hole but still appeared safe. Pernice only moved into the top 125 when Nick O'Hern bogeyed his last hole and fell out of the logjam at third place. On the other side of the Magnolia Course, D.J. Trahan knocked in a 22-foot birdie putt on his last hole at No. 9—the second-toughest hole.

That ultimately enabled Trahan to finish at No. 125 on the money list by $1,431 over Gates.

"I don't know what par would have done," Trahan said. "I really, honestly don't know what difference that would have made, but birdie certainly didn't hurt me. So I'm thrilled that I made that putt."

Donald, however, stole the show.

He only entered Disney after Simpson decided to play at Sea Island last week, and when Simpson was the runner-up to take the lead on the money list, Donald knew his best chance was to win.

He matched birdies with Simpson on the easy par-5 10th, and from there, Donald was in his own world. A wedge to 8 feet on the 11th. An 8-iron to 6 feet on the 12th. A lob wedge to 5 feet on the 13th.

The most meaningful shot came at the par-5 14th, where Donald had gone bogey and double bogey the previous two rounds, then pledged to reporters he would make birdie Sunday. He rolled in an 18-foot putt to get his revenge and take the lead.

"The putt on 15 was a bonus," Donald said.

So was the reaction. For a man with so little emotion, Donald crouched, let out a yell, then slammed his fist toward the round when it dropped into the center of the cup. Donald suddenly had a two-shot lead, and no one behind him was making a move.

His wife, Diane, is expecting their second child in just over a week. She was watching from home, and posted on Twitter, "I don't think this much jumping up and down is good for the baby!!!"

Kevin Chappell, the PGA Tour rookie who shared the 54-hole lead with Leonard, was tied for the lead when he missed a 3-foot birdie putt on the 10th and dropped a shot on the 11th with an approach into the bunker. Chappell closed with a 72 and was in the group at 274 that included Pernice and Sunghoon Kang, who birdied the last hole and moved into the top 125.

"I'm just dreaming right now," Kang said.

It felt that way for Donald, too, who has done nothing but prove skeptics wrong all year.

Shark Attack dominates rival Pirata in Obyan

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Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack pulled out a 6-1 statement win over second-ranked Pirata on the road at D'Pirates Bar & Grill's to remain the top dog in the Obyan Division following last Tuesday's Saipan Billiards Association 2011 Budweiser Summer/Fall Open 8-Ball League matchups.

Meanwhile, Jonny's IT&E Voyagers are still comfortably in front in the Agingan Division.

The season continues tonight with Agingan's IT&E Voyagers set to battle the Docomo Hustlers in Utopia; Home Boyz Five plays host to the IT&E Incredibles; and Fotten Palau welcomes X-Tream.

Obyan pairings feature Shark Attack calling over the Titans; Crazy 8 hosting Pirata; and Poksu waving in Team SCS.

Shark Attack improved its win-loss slate to 36-20 last Tuesday and stretched its lead over the Obyan field to six games.

In other results, Jonny's Bar & Grill's Crazy 8 (26-30) upset Poksu (28-28), 4-3, on the road at the 19th Hole Bar and Jonny's Team SCS (28-28) defeated 19th Hole's Titans (20-36), 6-1, at home.

IT&E Voyagers improved their win-loss record to 45-11 and extended their lead in the Agingan field to nine games after dropping VFW Post 3457's X-tream (18-38), 6-1, at home.

In other results, the runner-up IT&E Incredibles gained a couple of games on its sister team after a 7-0 shutout win at home over Joe's Steakhouse's Fotten Palau (9-47) and Jonny's Home Boyz Five (28-28) went into Utopia Sports Bar and upset Docomo Hustlers (32-24), 5-2.

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Jonny's Bar & Grill's Home Boyz Five, seen here in a file photo, upset Utopia's Docomo Hustlers on the road in last Tuesday's SBA 2011 Budweiser Summer/Fall Open 8-Ball League matchup.

Red Sox tryouts on Oct. 29

The Major League Red Sox of the Saipan Little League Baseball Associationwill be holding tryouts for the upcoming 2012 season this Saturday, Oct. 29, at the CPA Airport Field. Tryouts begin at 1pm and are open to all interested players ages 9 to 12.

Contact head coach Randall Aguon at 285-1359 for more information. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

Trick or Treat 3-on-3 caging this weekend

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The Garapan Community Development Center, Rollers Basketball Club, Vice Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro, and Rep. Edmund Villagomez are hosting the 2011 Trick or Treat 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament this weekend at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Organizers are expected to start the event at 11am on Oct. 29 and the competition will conclude the following day.

The event features four age divisions, which include coed U10, U12, and U14 along with both an 18U A and B girls only division.

The tournament is set under FIBA 33 rules.

Cultura Athletics and some veteran RBC members will be on hand serving as volunteer scoring officials and referees.

Entrance fee is $10 per team; teams are limited to four players per roster.

"We wanted to give kids something fun to do during the holiday weekend, in addition to featuring an event that focuses on some of the up and coming female players in the community," said RBC head coach Joe Diaz in a phone interview yesterday.

Medals will be awarded to the Top 2 place finishers in each division, in addition to various in kind prizes provided by sponsors Micronesian Brokers, Inc., IT&E, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Proceeds from the event will go toward RBC's upcoming trip to Guam for the 2011 Take Care Thanksgiving Hoopfest basketball tournament.

Contact RBC's Diaz at 233-8978 or 2854141 for more information.

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2:27:00 and 2:45:59, respectively.

Rounding out the Top 3 in the men's were Dan Hugo (2:27:33) of the U.S. and Spain's Eneko Llanos (2:28:26). Seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong also joined the pro division and was in strong second in his XTERRA World debut with mile to go in the 18.3-mile bike leg when he crashed, costing him precious minutes. An exhausted Armstrong slowed down in the run leg, dropping him to 20th place among 39 pros and 23rd overall with a time of 2:36:59.

Carey ranked No. 205 among 598 finishers. She timed in at 25:24 in the 1-mile swim at the rough waters of D.T. Flemings Beach, 1:53:45 in the up-and-down slopes of West Maui Mountains with more than 3,000 feet of elevation, and 1:01:33 in the run leg that brought runners to long dirt trails of Oleander forests, 60-foot high ironwood evergreens and mountain lake at the 650-foot level. Sublemente placed No. 323 overall, tallying 36:32 in the swim leg, 1:58:49 in the bike, and 1:05:46 in the run.

Though the more than 615 participants in yesterday's race were allowed to test the new course when they arrived in Hawaii, majority of them still struggled on race day and 17 did not finish, including 2011 XTERRA Saipan Championship participant Carina Wasle, who quit in the run leg. Triathletes raced in a 90 degree Fahrenheit weather in Maui north's Kapalua Resort, which took over the hosting rights of this year's XTERRA World from the south's Makena Beach & Golf Resort.

"It's just a damn hard course, a death march," Armstrong was quoted by the Associated Press report.

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beat in Day 2. Manacop then returned at SBC last Sunday and tallied 767 pinfalls, which was also the highest score in Day 2. In SBA roll-offs, bowlers are allowed to join both days of the event, but only the higher score is counted for the ranking.

Percy Omechelang also bowled on both days, but his Day 2 score of 748 pinfalls was only enough for a runner-up finish. In Day 1, Percy logged 714 pinfalls and placed fifth. Rounding out the Top 3 was Robert Talavera, who joined only the Sunday contest and knocked down 745 pins.

In the Queen of the Lanes, Gloria achieved what her husband, Percy, failed to accomplish after tallying 706 and 695 pinfalls in Day 1 and 2, respectively. Gloria defeated Carol McKenzie and Yho Villavicencio. McKenzie joined only Sunday's event and nailed 650 pinfalls, while Villavicencio's 640 pinfalls came in the first day of the competition.

McKenzie returns to winning form

In the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes, after losing to M.J. Aldan for two straight months, Marion McKenzie regained his form, following a victory in the Sunday event.

McKenzie, who reigned in the youth contest from May to July before losing in August and September, took the October title after earning 730 pinfalls in four games.

Aldan dropped to second with his 656 pinfalls and was followed by John Taisacan (619), Nikko Gutierrez (464), Ryan Batac (408), and Madeleine Taisacan (312).

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coming off the bench and contributing eight and Tony Wenceslao and Marvin Rabauliman nailing five apiece.

Then in the fourth, Shirley's tried overhauling the lead, but managed to move only within six before it ran out of time, while Mobil hung in there with Sharry, Rabauliman, and Bart Demapan hitting timely baskets.

Sharry and Demapan scored 18 points each, while Rabauliman chipped in 17. Errol Peredo top-scored for Shirley's with 19 markers.

PIC/NVM 72, Hyatt 63

In the first game, PIC notched its second win in as many games after downing Hyatt.

The defending champions held Hyatt to nine points in the first period en route to a nine-point victory. Hyatt fell to a 1-2 slate.

Only one player broke into double figures for PIC with Angelo Fernando firing 12 points. However, 12 others made it to the scoreboard for the team's balance offense.

In contrast, Hyatt's scoring was pretty uneven with four posting double digits and the rest combining for 18 points. PIC's bench accounted for 39 markers.

Hyatt had only four field goals in the first period against PIC's seven, allowing the latter to take a 16-9 lead. PIC went on to keep the driver's seat in the next three periods to improve to a 2-0 record.

First Game

PIC/NVM 72 – Fernando 12, Barbo 9, Rasa 8, Lizama 8, Je. Mina 6, Yabut 6, Abuy 5, Salem 5, JR Mina 4, Tamayo 4, Diaz 2, Johanes 2, Dacanay 1.

Hyatt 63 – Alipio 12, Aquino 12, Mateo 11, Durant 10, Devero 9, Castro 4, Umali 3, Palacios 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-9, 31-26, 53-46, 72-63.

Second Game

Mobil 90 – Sharry 18, Demapan 18, Rabauliman 17, Estolas 15, Jose 13, Wenceslao 5, Gapor 4.

Shirley's 82 – Peredo 19, Barrios 17, Bernardo 16, Sedillo 12, De Dios 10, Usi 6, Catungal 2.

Scoring by quarters: 29-14, 51-30, 73-49, 90-82.

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along with a plethora of other prizes and equipment for local baseball, basketball, volleyball, swimming, softball, golf, running, cycling, soccer, bowling, badminton, darts, and billiards events around the island.

IT&E is expecting to sponsor four Little League teams again next season, in addition to a team on both Rota and Tinian.

Yesterday, Tenorio handed over the Saipan Little League Baseball Association Junior Division pennant and championship trophies along with the SLLBA Big Division pennant runner-up and third place trophies as a gesture of giving back to his teams' much appreciated backer.

"The SLLBA could not function without the help and support of private sponsorships and I want to especially thank IT&E because they have been a major longtime supporter of youth baseball in the CNMI," said Tenorio.

Tenorio said he hopes that other sponsors will continue to support the SLLBA and urges the newly elected SLLBA board to work together with sponsors to find ways to help cut operational costs of the league.

"Various sponsors specialize in certain services, which could be a great help in acquiring resources to help cut costs and save money that are needed needed for the year-end Asia Pacific Regional Championship tournaments," said Tenorio.

As an example, he said, the cost for baseballs has been estimated at around $10,000 per season, mostly because of shipping charges.

Tenorio suggests that instead of asking sponsors merely for money to cover entrance fees and uniforms, perhaps some sponsors can work with the SLLBA to help provide discounted shipping rates as a goodwill donation to the league.

Another example could be for a water company to serve as a sponsor by donating water and ice for players to drink during games and so on.

Tenorio also lobbied for parents to step up and perhaps chip in via a small fee or donation to help pay the volunteer umpires for their services or donate money to help provide umpires food during games.

Currently, SLLBA board members Peding Tenorio and Anie Flores have been providing meals and water for the officials out of pocket.

Such issues along with a number of other suggestions brought up during the general election meeting will be discussed in Friday's SLL board meeting.

Some of the other suggestions include, but are not limited to, extending the SLLBA officers' current one-year term to three or more years; annually hosting the CNMI district tournament exclusively on Saipan; and segregating the SLLBA's current fundraising account per age division.

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Butch, Mieko survive XTERRA World

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Former champions surrendered to the unforgiving new course at the 2011 XTERRA World Championship, but not the CNMI's Mieko Carey and Butch Sublemente.

Carey and Sublemente survived the lung-busting triathlon race that saw four-time XTERRA World champion Conrad Stoltz of South Africa and three-time winner Melanie McQuaid of Canada quit in the last leg. The 33-year-old Carey finished yesterday's event in Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii in three hours, 20 minutes, and 42 seconds to place No. 16 out of the 23 pros in the women's division. Sublemente entered the men's 35 to 39 age group and submitted 3:41:07 to finish at No. 43 among 68 finishers in his division.

Stoltz, who won the men's title from 2007 to 2010, withdrew midway of the 6.1-mile run leg due to asthma, while McQuaid, who held the women's plum from 2004 to 2006 and was runner-up to Shonny Vanlandingham last year, pulled the plug also in the run leg due to fatigue. Austria's Michael Weiss and American Lesley Paterson ruled this year's race, timing in at

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Mieko Carey, left, seen here in a practice ride at the new course of the 2011 XTERRA World Championship, finished yesterday's race in Maui, Hawaii in 3:20:42. Butch Sublemente, right, nears the finish line at the Kapalua Resort.

Mobil keeps perfect record

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Mobil retained its undefeated record in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League after beating Shirley's, 90-82, last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The win was third in a row for the Marvin Deocares-coached Mobil, which also reclaims the solo lead in the 10-team field, one victory ahead of DFS Galleria and defending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM.

Mobil had a jackrabbit start and led by as much as 24 points before Shirley's mounted a comeback in the fourth quarter but still fell short to drop to a 0-3 record.

Larry Sharry led Mobil's early attack, scoring 11 points. JP Jose and Jun Estolas chipped in five apiece to give Mobil a 29-14 advantage.

The lead ballooned to 21 at the break, 51-30, as this time Estolas teamed up with Bart Demapan in the second quarter and they combined for 16 markers. Shirley's faced a big deficit in the first half due to its lackluster offense. Only three players for Shirley's scored in the opening quarter and four in the second with only Kae Bernardo making more than two field goals in the second frame.

Mobil stretched the lead to 24 in the third, 73-49, with Jose

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Marvin Rabauliman, seen here driving against Fiesta's Jawn Joyner during their game last week, scored 17 points in Mobil's 90-82 win over Shirley's last Sunday in the Shirley's caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Omechelang, Manacop win October roll-offs

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Omechelang

Manacop

McKenzie

Simon Manacop and Gloria Omechelang played solid games over the weekend to rule the SBA-Budweiser October King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament at the Saipan Bowling Center in San Jose.

Manacop and Omechelang posted the best scores on both days of the monthly competition to secure the October titles. Incidentally, it was the third time they won together in the Saipan Bowling Association-sanctioned event, having topped the March and July roll-offs.

In the first day of competition in the King of the Lanes last Saturday, Manacop recorded 846 pinfalls to lead 11 other keglers. He posted more than 200 pinfalls in three of the four games (220, 255, 149, 222) in Day 1 to set the score to

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IT&E Fielders give back to sponsor

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IT&E Fielders manager Patrick Tenorio brought home the bacon in the form of four Saipan Little League championship trophies to lead sponsor IT&E yesterday at the IT&E offices in Chalan Laulau.

IT&E marketing coordinator Brad Ruszala graciously accepted the awards on behalf of the company and confirmed that IT&E will continue to support the local Little League program as well as a multitude of other community sports organizations in the future.

IT&E is CNMI's most active private sports sponsor, donating over $20,000 in funds every year

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

IT&E Fielders manager Patrick Tenorio, left, presents his teams' 2011 Saipan Little League trophies to IT&E marketing coordinator Brad Ruszala yesterday at the IT&E office in Chalan Laulau.